

July 25, 2021 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Your Worship Leaders this Morning are Christian Fellowship Members

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Greeting

Opening Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 69 - "Come God, Creator, Be our Shield" - Marion Meyer wrote both the text and music for this hymn in 1990. The second verse includes "Come gracious Jesus, be our guest, our morning joy, our evening rest; And in our daily lives impart your love and peace to every heart."

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist: This is the hour to bend our knee before God. This is a time to offer our best to our Creator.

Congregation: We gather before God, who sees all our deeds. We open our hearts to One who knows all our thoughts.

Liturgist: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." We come together proclaiming, "God is with us!"

Congregation: We come to be strengthened in our inner being. We seek to pattern our actions after Christ Jesus.

Liturgist: God's presence evokes our joyous worship. The Holy Spirit empowers our service.

Congregation: To God be highest glory in the church. To God be endless adoration in the world.

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 196 - This hymn is inspired by today's Gospel reading and was written by Edith Sinclair in 1992. "When, like the Woman at the Well" includes this verse "When, like the woman at the well, I lived with broken dreams, Christ came to me, good news to tell, of ever living streams."

Confession of Sin

O God, you know our hearts. You are aware of our distortions and our jealousies. We don't take responsibility for our misconduct, our abuse of power, our lack of trust in you. We have little sense of vision to see beyond immediate circumstances or to embrace new possibilities. We miss the signs of your grace and resist the empowerment of your Spirit. Please forgive us and still the storms within us. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – Proverbs 31:10-31 Christy Kinnamon

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise - NCH 407 - Both this and our closing hymn are based on the pentatonic scale. This hymn, "How Firm a Foundation" is a familiar early American folk song.

Epistle Lesson – Judges 4: 4-10 and 12-16 Scott Kinnamon

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering & Offertory - Today's offertory is a Sanctus written by Martie McMane in 1991. (792)

Gospel Lesson – John 4: 7-26 - Rose

Sermon

Hymn (Instrumental) - NCH 521 - "In Solitude" - Ruth Duck, a prolific hymn writer, created the melody while she was learning the mandolin. The closing verse, "With psalms and hymns and songs of praise before my God I'll come, till death itself is past and gone, and I arrive at home." reflects her feeling of spirituality.

Benediction

Postlude