

## October 4, 2020 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Greeting

Opening Song (Instrumental)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist #1: The God who frees us invited us to worship. The God of law welcomes our loyal response.

Liturgist #2: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Liturgist #1: God is present with us, eager to speak to us. Our Creator is here to test us and to keep us from sin.

Liturgist #2: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. God's decrees are sure, making wise the simple.

Liturgist #1: We tremble before God yet are not afraid. We are ready to listen to God's word.

Liturgist #2: May our awe before God be pure and enduring. May our thoughts and our words be acceptable to God.

Song (Instrumental)

Confession of Sin

O God, we have no righteousness of our own. We have bent and ignored your law. Your commandments inform us but do not transform. We give lip service to your law but seek to avoid its implication for our lives. We recognize some of our errors, but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols in our lives. We depend on them more than we honor you. Save us, we pray, from great transgressions and help us to reorder our days. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson – Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Children's Sermon

Song (Recorded)

Epistle Lesson – Philippians 3:4b-14

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory (Instrumental)

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon

Communion

Song (Instrumental)

Benediction

Congregational Response

**Announcements**

\*This morning's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Jane Litscher & Family, in loving memory of their mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother, Lucinda Gruber, whose birthday is October 11.

\*Today, in addition to the 9am worship service, we will offer a 10:30am outdoor worship in the church park. Bring a jacket and your lawn chair. Communion will be served.

\*Stock the Schools has returned. Collections of monthly items will be delivered to the Sauk Prairie Middle School for students in need. In October, we are collecting granola bars and WATERPROOF winter mittens/gloves, snow pants, and winter boots. Please drop your donations in the bin just inside the north side church doors on Sundays or during the week in the bin outside the Education Building doors. Thank-you for your support!

\*The Open and Affirming (O&A) Subcommittee will meet Thursday, October 8, at 5pm at the home of Dave and Shirlee Lendved.