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Bulletin

September 25, 2016
19th Sunday after Pentecost
8:45 am

Thought for the day

“Only God can put Scripture inside. But reading sacred text can put it on your hearts, and then when your hearts break, the holy words will fall inside.”

-Anne Lamott, *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith*

***Gathering Songs**

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship” W&S 3176
“Soul on Fire”

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw
Rev. Frank Hallock

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We have come to hear the Word.

People: We have come to do the Word.

Leader: We have come to find challenge.

People: We have come to find joy.

Leader: We have come to find community.

People: We have come to find God.

Leader: We have come for many reasons.

All: And now Lord, here we are. Bless us as we come.

***Song of Joy**

“I Will Delight in the Law of the Lord”

Scripture

Nehemiah 8:1-2, 9-12 in the Old Testament

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Praise be to God.

Time with Children

Following this, the children are escorted to a time of activity and learning. Please pick them up in their classrooms following the service.

Community Prayer

Gracious God, we come to you to with longing in our hearts to hear your Word again. We are ready to open ourselves to your guidance in all that we think or say or do. Help us to quiet the incessant chatter in our lives so that we may be ready to hear your voice. Lay your word on our hearts, O Lord. Help us to hear them not only in this sacred space, but in our walk through our daily lives, so that we may be doers of the word and not hearers only. We give you thanks for the grace that is revealed in your Holy Word, and for Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, and in whose name we pray. Amen.



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*Song Before Prayer

"Thy Word Is a Lamp" UMH 601

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music

"You Are My Hiding Place"

Praise Band

Scripture

1 John 1:1-4 in the New Testament

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Praise be to God.

Message

"We Believe: In the Guidance of Scripture"

Rev. Frank Hallock

Offering our Gifts

Song of Blessing (Doxology)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

We now return, O Lord, a portion of what you have given us back to you. Bless the giving that it might be multiplied into a gift for those whose ears have yet to hear your Word. Bless the giving so that we might continue to hear the Word ourselves and continue to act upon it. Bless us to give more freely and abundantly, not only of our material gifts, but the precious living gifts of our open hearts. In this way, O Lord, we ourselves become the gift given by you to the world, and in that, O Lord, we receive even as we give in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song of Sending

"Shalom to You" UMH 666

Benediction

At this time, you may join hands for the Benediction.

**Please stand if you are able.*



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This Sunday...

*Liturgist: Beth Brainerd Hallock; Acolyte(s): Stella and Grace; Video Tech: Billy Stempson and Sound Tech: Lynda Mounts. *Unless otherwise noted, scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Next Sunday...

Video Tech: Billy Stempson

Sound Tech: Trent Hamlin

Liturgist: TBA

Acolyte(s): TBA

Flowers are given by:

Marilyn Mathias in honor of Raub's birthday on September 30th.