NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



OCTOBER 11, 2020

Welcome

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church! If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME, If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK. Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon, Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Prelude

Elijah Rock

Arr. Jester Hairston Public Domain

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. *Amen.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ⁺ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. *Amen.*

Hymn

We Are Called

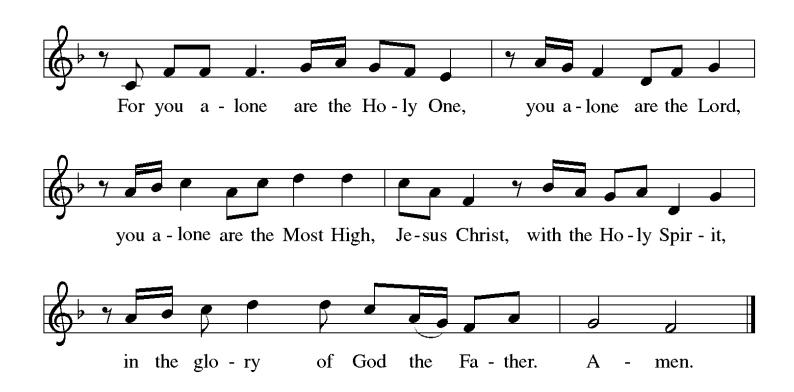
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *And also with you.*





PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹O Lord, you are my God;
 - I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

MUSIC

Hard to Get

Rich Mullins

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READING: Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from Philippians.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

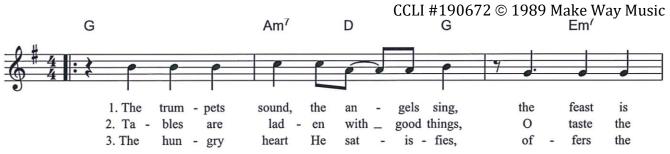
Please pray with me the prayer of preparation. *Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.*

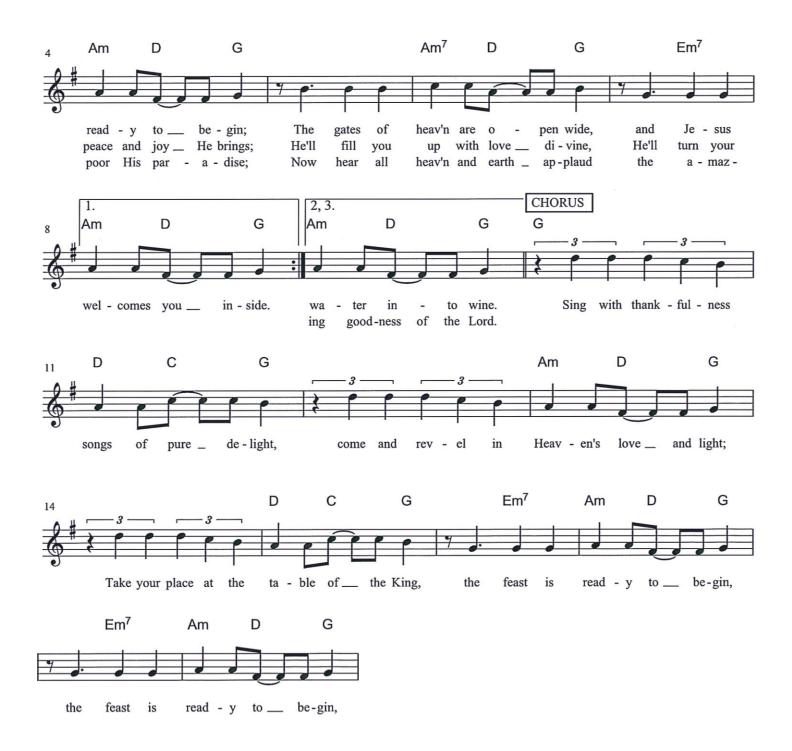
SERMON

Not dressing the part - but addressing the heart

Hymn

The Feast Is Ready





APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the Apostles' Creed. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

The Prayers conclude:

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.com and click on "On-line Giving." You may also mail your check to 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

Jubilate Deo

Jay Althouse

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We stand. **O**FFERTORY As the Deer CCLI #1431 © 1984 Universal Music D A/C# Α Bm D/A A^{7sus} A⁷ G 1. As the deer pant - eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth af ter 2. You're my friend and You my broth -er are e - ven though You _ are a sil - ver, on - ly 3. I want You more than gold or You can ___ is sat -D^{2sus} D A/C# A Bm D/A G G/A Α 4 Thee. You a - lone are my heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor ship King. I love You more than an y oth - er, so much more than an у --fy. You a - lone are the real joy-giv-er and the ap ple of my CHORUS D/C# D G A/G D/F# Bm Bm/A G Bm/F# 8 Thee. You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my -thing. eye. F^{#sus} F# F#/E Em Em⁷ D A/C# А 12 yield. spir it You lone а _ are my Bm D/A G A G/A D 15 heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor ship Thee.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

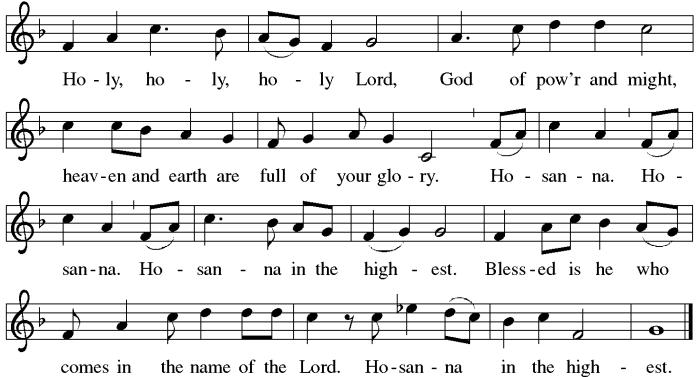
Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

As often as we eat this bread and we drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again. *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, teaching us, leading us, and guiding us. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray, 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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

You are invited to call the church office and schedule a time to receive communion. We will have Drive-In Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from 10:30-1:00.

MUSIC

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THE SENDING

BLESSING

There is no place where God does not live.

There is no moment when God has, is, and will not be present. There is no time that God does not love you. May you go now into the world knowing God \ddagger is right by your side. *Amen.*

Hymn

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DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Amen

Arr. Randa Kirshbaum

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Doris Marsh's birthday on October 11th and Mrs. Bernice Price's birthday on October 12th with love from David, Scottie and Jacob.

10/02/2020



Dear Mt. Hermon Family, It's hard to express how much your prayers, texts, cards, phone calls and visits have meant to us. I honestly don't know how you get through a time like this without Church "Family". Pastor Gina's and

Ronnie Fulmer's advise and guidance, I thank you. Dad loved his church and we do too. You are all so special.

Continue to keep us in your prayers as the days are not easy. I know where Dad is but he is not here to care for which is hard to get over.

I thank you for the wonderful meal provided by the Church Family. It was delicious & enjoyed by all of us during this tough time. The flower is beautiful. I think of you as I enjoy it.

> Thank you, *Kathy Whitaker and the Crout family*



These past months of the pandemic has kept us from having our candlelight dinners, even though we have been able to give you the concerts. The purpose in having the dinners, other than fellowship, was to give proceeds to our Fund for the Arts. Those funds have brought a dulcimer concert and musicians for worship services.

Please consider contributing to the Fund for the Arts until we can get back to our candlelight dinners. We want to be able to continue having concerts whether they are streamed or live with a dinner. Many thanks for your continued support of our music program. We are fortunate for members of our choir and especially our student brass and guitar players for their dedication!

> Blessings, *Ruthie*



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Evening devotions 6:35 pm

Join the FaceBook community for a time of daily reflection.

Pastor Gina





Tithes, and Offering for 10/04/2020 Live Stream Worship – 118+ Drive-In Communion – n/a

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,413.06
Building Improvement	Received	\$135.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$775.00
Live Streaming This Week		\$0.00
Live Streaming Total Rec'd		\$6,033.27

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Lynwood Crout by Eldon Eargle, Linda Waters-Hamilton, Barbara Corley, Bob & Doris Carver, Herb Bucknam, Clifton & Ann Addy, Frank & Bonnie Bouknight, Charlie & Paula Taylor, Anne Piercy, Barr-Price Funeral Homes, Leon Dressel, Renee Coleman

In memory of Jimmy Bouknight by Linda Waters-Hamilton

In memory of Freddie Fulmer by Linda Waters-Hamilton

In memory of Janice Head by Linda Waters-Hamilton

Your continued financial support to the work of God at Mt. Hermon is needed. You may drop your check in the US Mail: 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. You may also drop it in the locked box on Leaphart Road. Some of you have taken advantage of banks mailing a check straight to Mt. Hermon. Many of you are taking the opportunity to use online giving. Thank you for your financial and spiritual support to Mt. Hermon!



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Patricia Bachman, Carolina GardensIAlberta Berry, homeIHazel Bockus, Carolina GardensJNell Buff, homeILila Catt, homeILena Wessinger, Presby. HomeI

Margie Hook, *home* Rev. Everette Price, *home* June Roof, *Rapha* Tom Roof, *home* Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bryce Addy Suzie Wattenbarger Becky Koon Jeff Bucknam Gene Schofield

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Bob Eastwood, brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley Harold & Mary Prater, parents of Ray Prater Molly Kate Shealy, friend of Jean Shealy Chuck Bachman, nephew of Jean Shealy Floyd Fuller, uncle of David Marsh Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor Gary & Linda Hodgin, friends of Herb Bucknam Lois Moore & family, family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman Bill Harrell, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Don Morris, father of Keith Morris Cheryl Coureville, friend of Herb Bucknam Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease Jimmy Mills, father of Tommy Mills Richie Tallent, friend of Danny Scott Mandy McLemore, co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price John Catoe, family of Ellisors Sherri Crapps, sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease Tommy Roof, son of Tom & June Roof Martha Eastwood, sister of Marie Kleckley Eric Powell, friend of Kim Fulmer Jason Wardlaw, friend of congregation Andrew & Candice Coleman, friends of Erica Conklin David Hydrick, cousin of Buddy Hydrick Clara Shultz, friend of Sheila Starkey Debbie Smith & family, niece of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman Sarah Hiltz, granddaughter of Buddy & Angie Hydrick Charlotte & Paul Nelson, friends of Herb Bucknam *Richard Lindler, friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, October 18th 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship – Live Stream 10:30 - 1:00 pm Drive-In Communion

Monday, October 18th

6:00 pm Outreach Team Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, October 21st

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Diane Boulware & Mary Frances Sease)

Friday, October 23rd

12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Saturday, October 24th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Mike Rawl & Laura Stevens)



Pastor Gina will be out of the office Pastor Convocation Monday, October 19th - Wednesday, October 21st



3011 Leaphart Road West Columbia, SC 29169 803.794.6430 Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Rev. Gina D. Metze, PastorERuthie Brannen, Director of MusicSusan LCons, Parish Administrator80Matt Hansen, Seminarian

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, October 11th 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 am Worship Live Stream
- 10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom
 - 6:00 pm Council Meeting via Zoom

Monday, October 12th Church offices closed

7:00 pm Health & Safety Task Force Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, October 14th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Frank & Bonnie Bouknight)

Friday, October 16th

12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Saturday, October 17th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight & Karen Nicholson)

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