

Sunday, October 19, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S FOCUS: FAITH. The persistent widow just keeps pestering, like a bothersome fly, and gets the judge to cave in. Why does Jesus praise this kind of behavior? What can we learn here?

PRELUDE — Betsy Foushee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #101 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” (vs. 1, 2, 4)

1. From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.

2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

4. In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong;
In cheerful sounds all voices raise, and fill the world with loudest praise.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Suzanne Gallagher

One: I look up to the mountains and ask, “does my strength come from mountains?”

Many: I know my strength comes from God, who made heaven and earth and mountains.

One: God is my guardian and guide, the one who is always beside me to protect me.

Many: I know God will keep me from every evil, guarding my very life.

One: God guards us when we leave and when we return,

Many: God guards us even now, and will guard us all our days.

All: Thanks be to God!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

SPECIAL MUSIC — Lin & “Helpers”

HYMN

TFWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

CHILDREN'S STORY — Sharon Goldade**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 18:1-8 — Suzanne Gallagher

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

MESSAGE

"La Mosca"

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

TFWS #2193 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (2x)

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

OFFERTORY — Betsy Foushee***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Suzanne Gallagher

ALL: God of all justice, receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it is undeserved. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, until your kingdom comes—on earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin

ALL: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #451 "Be Thou My Vision"

1. Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven; my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***BENEDICTION — Lin**

POSTLUDE — Betsy Foushee

Prelude/Postlude—Betsy Foushee
Offertory—Betsy Foushee
Organ —
Special Music —
Liturgist — Suzanne Gallagher

Accomp.—Betsy Foushee
Song Leader— Janice Bachmann
Violin — Rae Ann

Children's Message— Lin Cheek