

**Service of Worship**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 8, 2019 10:15 AM

\*Please rise as able

**-- Ready for the Word --**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude arranged by Kellner

**“Here I Am to Worship”**

The Light of God Enters

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as the family of God,

**People: bound together in the body of Christ.**

Leader: We gather as the children of God,

**People: called together in the presence of the Spirit.**

Leader: We gather this day to worship God

**People: and join our lives in the life of the church.**

Leader: Let us be together in praise and thanksgiving!

\*Hymn Hymnal No. 386

**“Come, Worship God”**

(Psalm 95)

Prayer of Confession

**O God, creator of all that we are and all that we are to be, we come to you to be remolded and reshaped by your grace and your renewing Spirit. As we confess our sins before you, enable us to grow into your image for us. Help us to create love where there is hatred, deep faith where there is shallow religion, generosity where there is selfish greed, and wholeness where there are shattered pieces. Strengthen us to be disciples of your Son and our Lord. Hear now in silence each of our prayers...**

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We are not now what we have been; nor are we yet what, by God's grace, we shall become. God hears our prayers, sets us free, and strengthens us for service. Receive God's forgiveness.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn Grove Songbook Pg. 101

**“You Are My All in All”**

\*Passing of the Peace

**-- Receiving the Word --**

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Bibles

Dedication of 2019-2020 Christian Education Staff Insert

\*Response Hymnal No. 644

**“Give Thanks, O Christian People”**

Verses 2 & 3

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 163) Deuteronomy 6:4-9

New Testament Lesson (page 194) Ephesians 4:11-16

Reflection **“Growing Up in Christ”**

Musical Offering by Gillette and Bedford

**“Spirit of God”**

*Spirit of God, you moved over the waters  
Whisp'ring God's love to the whole of creation.  
You breathe your life into God's sons and daughters.  
Giving us talents and your inspiration.  
Spirit of God, by the prophets you sought us,  
Calling us back from our pride-filled behavior.  
Through chosen leaders you reached us and taught us,  
By your own gift we were given our Savior.  
Spirit of God, like a dove you once rested,  
Showing God's joy on the day Christ was baptized.  
You sent Christ out to the hills to be tested,  
Through you he called us to see God with new eyes.  
Spirit of God, like a mighty wind blowing:  
Suddenly Christians stopped hiding and fearing  
You gave them courage and love overflowing,  
So they proclaimed you to all in their hearing.  
Help us to see you, still calling and caring,  
Help us to know you among us, creating.  
Spirit of God, give us courage and daring —  
To share God's love with a world that is waiting.*

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Hymnal Pg. 35

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Offertory

by Faure

**“Pavane”**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, we offer our gifts to you. Here is the hope of our hearts, the excitement of our dreams, the way of our faith, the gift of our lives. We offer all that we are to you and to serving you in this world. Amen.**

\*Hymn

Hymnal No. 302

**“When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”**

\*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction

by Marshall

**“Tallis Canon”**

*Revive our will, renew our nerve, that as we leave this place  
to serve in office, schoolroom, church or home,  
we bring thy peace, Shalom, Shalom.*

\*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

\*Postlude

by Smith

**“The Trumpet of Faith”**

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Tallis Canon: reprinted from Grove's Book of Responses and Benedictions.

Participants in today's service: Mike Dugan (worship leader), Sydney Hackenberg (acolyte), Eric Deeter and Adam Zakarian (song leaders), Senior Choir (musical offering and benediction), Nurture Committee (children's sermon), Linda Moyer and Pam Franklin (Deacons), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Sally Dries (reflection). Next week's reflection by Rev. Sally Dries: *“Tapestry”*



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