



## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship for streaming service

September 27, 2020

9:30 am



### about today's service

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

P: Presiding Minister C: Congregation L: Lector

### ✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.

Welcome Pastor Liz Frey

Prelude: "Adoration" Felix Borowski  
Kierra Heinly, violin

Announcements Pastor Liz Frey

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Faithful God,

C: **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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk with You maryton

1. O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

(Pre-recorded)

Greeting Pastor Liz Frey

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

Prayer of the Day Pastor Liz Frey

P: Let us pray. God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message Pastor John Brock

Song: "Jesus Messiah"

FaithX (pre-recorded)

### ✝ Word ✝

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.

Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Phil Goff

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

*<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor Jack Homer

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Pastor Jack Homer

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human

origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup>What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not!'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir!'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Jack Horner  
Series theme: "Philippians: Official Guide for a Joy-Filled Life!"  
Weekly sermon title: "Focus on What Matters"

Anthem: "At the Name of Jesus" Cindy Berry  
Chancel Choir (virtual anthem – prerecorded)

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Liz Frey

Lord's Prayer Pastor Liz Frey  
P: Let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

**C: 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.**

Peace Pastor Liz Frey  
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### ✝ Meal ✝

*When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.*

Eucharistic Prayer Pastor Liz Frey  
P: Holy God, make your joy complete by uniting those who share this meal with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. As we remember his saving mercies, make us to be of the same love, the same heart, sharing in the same Spirit; and bless this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ:

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

### ✝ Sending ✝

*We have heard the Word of God and offered our gifts. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.*

Blessing of Communion to the Homebound Pastor Liz Frey  
P: Compassionate God, Bless those who receive your word and sacrament at home. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing Pastor Liz Frey  
P: Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Dismissal Pastor Liz Frey  
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Sending Song: "To Be Alive"  
FaithX (pre-recorded)

**United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.**

### worship leaders

**Presiding Minister:** The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey  
**Preaching Minister:** The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner  
**Children's Message:** The Rev. John H. Brock  
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**Bulletin Production:** Steve Kauffman  
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