

Worship Plan for Sunday, September 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
 Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG *All Are Welcome* ELW 641 - <https://youtu.be/N9bOiAxwi4U>

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, A place where saint and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:	<i>Refrain</i> All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: <i>(Refrain)</i>	Let us build a house where love is found in eater, wine and wheat: A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: <i>(Refrain)</i>
Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; Let us bring an end to fear and danger: <i>(Refrain)</i>	Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions Heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this house proclaim for floor to rafter: <i>(Refrain)</i>

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

Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus Loves Me!* ELW 595 - https://youtu.be/LD1_CPqJusg

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.	<i>Refrain</i> Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me! He who died to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. (<i>Refrain</i>)	3. Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; When at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. (<i>Refrain</i>)

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

Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world. We pray for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Service, the Oregon Department of Forestry, Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies and organizations which work to manage and care for our natural environment. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict especially those countries in the Middle East. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements.

Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental health or physical illness here in our own community. Help them find appropriate care and steady the hearts of those who provide care, comfort and support to them. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation and those who are on their way to us. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst and soon to be in our backyard. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Other Intercessions prayed

Those in Need of Healing:

Jack Johnson --- Linda - Diane Hawkins sister,
Sharon Reynolds --- Kathy Moredock,
Miles & Stephanie's daughter Lucy --- Josie and Lois, Friends of Mary
Rev. Elwin Bergstrasser --- Mary Michener & her daughter
Julie -- Eleanor Norman
Anna Christie --- Gary Drager
Cora Lee --- Jamie Sauer
Paul --- Chuck's brother Don
Nancy Ostrem --- Hunter Baker, Student of Kelsey Hallin.
Jeff & Lorraine Bock at the loss of Lorraine's sister, Eileen.
Communities affected by fire, flood, earthquake, tornado and heat.
Small business owners during COVID.
Shut-ins experiencing loneliness.

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Especially do we lift up those who have died due to Covid 19 and for their families who walk the path of mourning. Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✚ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *How Firm a Foundation* ELW 796 - <https://youtu.be/Prb4C PEwWM>

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said Who unto the Savior for refuge has fled?	2. “Fear no, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, For I am you God and will still give you aid; I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”
3. “When through fi’ry trials your pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt your; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”	4. “Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love; And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours: Office hours are 9-3:30, Monday-Thursday. Rose will be working in the church office Monday-Wednesday and working from home on Thursdays and can be reached by phone at the church number or by email.

Please send prayers, praise & announcements to office@christthegoodshep.org or with Heidi Dupuis.

Please note: Rose will be off Monday, September 27-28, 2021 for Vacation



St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day is October 4

Please send the names of your beloved pets (living or passed) to Vicar Sena at pastor@christthegoodshep.org or to the office.

Outreach Meeting
October 2 - 10AM
Meeting ID: 823 2680 4809
Passcode: 164756

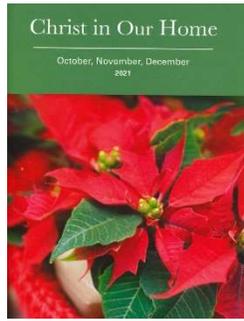
Sunday Worship - 10 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83761159516> or dial in to:
(253)215-8782 -
Meeting ID: 837 6115 9516.
Please have your communion elements ready.
Prayer requests will be taken before the service starts, between 9:50 and 10:00, and through the chat in Zoom during worship.

Note: Endowment Meeting Correction! Endowment will be meeting on Zoom - Saturday, September 18, at 9:00 a.m.

Special Newsletter Deadline:
9/22/2021



We are hosting a RED CROSS blood drive October 28, from 10-3:30. We have hosted **29** drives at our church collecting **643** units of blood! There are 14 donor slots available. You can sign up by calling the Red Cross at **1-800-733-2767** or by clicking here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CGSLchurch>



Q4 Copies of Christ in our Home are available at the office.

Reflection for September 19, 2021 The Greatest

In today's gospel from Mark, the disciples have just witnessed Jesus' transfiguration atop the high mountain. Riding high on this experience, they are now traveling with him through the countryside, processing what they have seen, contrasting it with the story of crucifixion and death Jesus keeps hinting at. They begin to argue about which of them is the greatest—who will be given the highest honors for hanging out with Jesus? But Jesus stops them in their tracks. It isn't about the highest honors, or about who shines most brightly: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35).

Jesus' words to the disciples and to us are a reminder that God flips upside-down the way the world judges greatness. As Christians, most of us know this almost instinctively. We talk about avoiding "works righteousness" and rejecting the need to earn our salvation or prove our faith. And yet, even within the "servant of all" framework, we too often compete with one another to be the greatest servant. We hold ourselves up as examples of charity and justice, patting ourselves on the back for our works of service, hoping that the world—and God—will be impressed. Even when we know that this isn't how God works, we still get sucked into the ways of the world.

But Jesus' statement to the disciples is not just about them: it is also about himself. It is a reminder that Jesus' greatness is precisely because on the cross, he has become "last of all and servant of all." Our own efforts at service and humility will always pale in comparison to the Son of God. To be sure, we are called to love and serve our neighbors; but we are called to trust Jesus, "last of all and servant of all," for our salvation. This is good news, for now our competitions and attempts to impress are no more. We simply receive from the Lord and pass it along.

