

Sunday Service for September 23, 2018

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Jesus Loves Me, This I know” -arr. J. Linker

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT (*Sung vibrantly*)

**Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come, all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come, all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord. (*Sing twice*)**

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: Rejoice in this gathering of God’s people!

All: We give thanks for each one here, both friend and stranger.

One: For each one is important in the Body of Christ.

All: Together we are more than a group of individuals.

One: Let’s draw near to God.

All: As God draws near to us!

• GATHERING HYMN #100 (*Vs. 1,3, 4*)

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

• PRAYER AT GATHERING (*In unison*)

We draw near to you, O God, source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither.

• SILENCE

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.**

As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen. Amen.

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST “**Namaste**”

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #286 “This Is the Day”

(Repeat as needed vibrantly)

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made: we will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.**

HAND BELL ANTHEM “Festive Peal on Hymn to Joy” -arr. M. Ryan

CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” *(Sung by all)*

(Children ages 3 – 8th grade are invited to join us downstairs for Sunday School.)

(Parents please pick up children on the lower level after church.)

**Walk with me; I will walk with you,
And build the land that God has planned,
Where love shines through.**

(Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Psalm 1** *(page 489)*

Proverbs 31:10-31 *(page 613)*

Second Reading: **Mark 9:30-37** *(page 45)*

James 3:13- 4:8a *(page 230)*

SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM “Children” -R. Clatterbuck

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER *(In unison)*

**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,
forever. Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – Mr. Gregg Behling

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Children of the Heavenly Father” -arr. W. Held

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

You are the generous one, full of mercy and goodness for your creation. Send your wisdom with these gifts, that they may reach those who need your love and welcome. Bring about a harvest of goodness through these gifts sown in peace. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #668 “For the Healing of the Nations”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• CHORAL BENEDICTION “Benediction” -J. Carter

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Closing Voluntary” -S. Clark

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. You are invited to remain quietly in the sanctuary and listen to this music written and played to glorify God. Otherwise, you may quietly join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship. Emanuel now offers GIVE+ for online giving. If you have any questions on how to use this application, please contact the church office.

Flowers are in honor of Irene Zimmerman’s 85th Birthday!