



Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

September 13, 2026

Proper 19

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Fettke Marny Pritchard , piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come and worship God, whose very name is holy. Come and worship and remember all that God has done.

People: With our hearts, our minds, our bodies, and our souls, we praise the One whose peace, goodness, power, and love will always surpass our understanding.

Pastor: God's mercy will never end; God's love will follow you as long as you live. People of God, praise the Lord!

HYMN #619 "Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: You, Lord, are the same forever. Through centuries of history and generations of believers you have always cared for your people. You have loved us, protected us, and redeemed us, even when we defied you and ignored your teaching.

People: You know our faults, Lord. You see every time we fail, whether from ignorance or intent. We want to follow. We want to build your kingdom here on earth so all people can live in your hope and know your never-ending love. But it's easy to let our human emotions - pride, selfishness, and fear - convince us to live as if you don't matter. Forgive us for giving in and giving up. Forgive us for the inaction that numbs our soul and allows injustice to thrive.

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: Show us the truth, Lord. May we view all people without judgment, seeing only possibilities. Show us how to live as Jesus did. We pray together the prayer you taught us: ***"Our Father..." (debts/debtors) p. 35 in hymnal***

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Instead of weighing our sins or keeping score, God promises to forgive us every time, no matter what. God's mercy is assured, and God's love for us will never end.

CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)

#582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

ANTHEM "I Will Bow" by Frederick Chatfield

FAMILY SERMON Joy Bornhoeft

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Reveal your truth, Lord, in the words we read today. Help us follow them so we may be true disciples of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 18:21-35

21-22 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?" Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times.

23-24 Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold.

25-26 Because the servant didn't have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, 'Please, be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.'

27-28 The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan. "When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, 'Pay me back what you owe me.'

29-30 "Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I'll pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt.

31-33 “When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’

34-35 His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt. “My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

All: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.

Psalm 103:1-13

1 Let my whole being bless the Lord! Let everything inside me bless his holy name! Let my whole being bless the Lord and never forget all his good deeds:

2-6 how God forgives all your sins, heals all your sickness, saves your life from the pit, crowns you with faithful love and compassion, and satisfies you with plenty of good things so that your youth is made fresh like an eagle’s. The Lord works righteousness; does justice for all who are oppressed.

7-9 God made his ways known to Moses; made his deeds known to the Israelites. The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love. God won’t always play the judge; he won’t be angry forever.

10-11 He doesn’t deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing, because as high as heaven is above the earth, that’s how large God’s faithful love is for those who honor him.

12-13 As far as east is from west - that’s how far God has removed our sin from us. Like a parent feels compassion for their children - that’s how the Lord feels compassion for those who honor him.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SERMON “Anger With an Ending” Pastor Joseph

HYMN #260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: God, we know you have won the battle over evil in this world. We know that you will prevail in the end, yet we see pain, despair, suffering, and injustice all around us. We all know people who struggle to get through another day; people who can’t really afford decent housing; people concerned about their health—and

paying for the treatment they need; people who see no solution to the serious circumstances they face.

People: Comfort the broken-hearted, Lord, as one who was broken for us; give courage to those sinking deeper in despair; shed a glimmer of faith on those who doubt; give your enduring peace to those who are afraid; and grant outrageous and incredible hope to those who see only harsh reality.

- Silent prayers for others and ourselves. A candle is lit. -

Pastor: Shine your light through us, your people, so others may see and praise you. May your church be a place of true fellowship, broken barriers, and transcendent welcome. Rebuild our hope in the kingdom that will never end. Amen.

OFFERTORY “Canzonetta” by Mozart adapted by H. Voxman
Marny Pritchard, piano Joseph Taber, trombone

***OFFERING** *(in unison)* “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
***God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door;
Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.***

DEDICATION *(unison)*
If we tried to list everything you have given us, Lord, we’d surely leave something out. There’s no way we can repay you, but we give to show our gratitude. Use these gifts to bring comfort, hope, and love to those who need it. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #649 “Amazing Grace”

BENEDICTION Pastor Joseph

DOXOLOGY *(in unison)* #606
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

POSTLUDE “Festive Voluntary” Henry Purcell

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

We talked a couple of weeks ago about how the Holy Spirit empowers us to live in

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY