



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

September 19, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to make an announcement, please come forward to use the microphone in front so you may be seen and heard by all present and at home!

PRELUDE

A Joyful Ring
Towne Lyne Ringers

Barbara B. Kinyon

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus has taught us:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Let us live as we have been taught!

*** HYMN**

O God, Who Teaches Us to Live
Vs. 1-3

Black Hymnal, #359

*O God who teaches us to live
And guides us on our way,
For all the teachers in our midst,
We give you thanks and praise.*

*For love that welcomes children in
And holds them when they stray,
For knowledge hearts and souls receive,
We give you thanks and praise.*

*For wisdom, skills, and confidence
Where wonder leads to faith,
For those who ask and those who hear,
We give you thanks and praise.*

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

... God of love, gather us in.

Glory to You, O God, who welcomes the children, heals the broken, shields the joyous, and guides all creation to your justice and your peace. Amen.

ANTHEM

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

arr. Sondra Tucker

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:30-37

SERMON

*Seeking Wisdom
Welcome the Child*

The Rev. Geoff Parker

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... *The pastor will continue the prayer...*

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. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

In the Sanctuary, an offering plate is available as you leave today. Online, gifts may be shared here: <https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/>. In this time, you might reflect on where you have received gifts in the past week, and how you might share with gratitude with others.

*** Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

Blessing the Gifts

*** HYMN**

Wherever I May Wander

Red Hymnal, #64

*Wherever I may wander,
Wherever I may be.
I'm certain of my Maker's love;
God's care is over me.
God made the great high mountains,
And made the wide blue sea;
God made the sky where airplanes fly;
God made the world and me.*

*Throughout the whole creation
I see God's loving care
For everyone in every land,
God's children everywhere.
Wherever I may wander,
Wherever I may be,
I'm certain of my Maker's love;
God's care is over me.*

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

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Tell Me the Stories of Jesus – Text: William H. Parker, Music: Frederick A. Challinor

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This Morning's Ministers of Worship are:

Cynthia Beggs and Sally Somes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday, September 19:** Rain date for "Welcome Back Tea!"
11:00 a.m. Mosaic Worship Wrap Up
- Monday, September 20:** **7:00 p.m.** Governing Board Meeting
- Tuesday, September 21:** **9:15 a.m.** Tuesday Morning Study Group
1:00 p.m. Knitting Group
6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Tuesday Night AA Gathering
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday, September 22:** Deadline for October *Steeplenotes* material submittal into office
- Saturday, September 25:** **8:30 a.m.** Men's Breakfast via Zoom
See "Weekly Updates" or contact John Bischof (781-2391) for link
- Sunday, September 26:** **9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship**
(Sanctuary and online)
After Worship – New Members Conversation
(Large Classroom)

FCC is still receiving donations for the Mbabaali Orphanage. Please contact Dotty Blanchette or see "Weekly Updates" for details regarding the impact of COVID on James and the children. The need is desperate.

HOLD THIS DATE ~ September 30, 7:00 p.m. End of Life Panel and Conversation, in sanctuary, hosted by Ministry of Christian Education. Pre-registration required. Will also be streamed via Zoom. See "Weekly Updates" or contact office for further details.

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