

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M.

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.* -2 Timothy 4:2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

PRELUDE: *The Call*Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

CALL TO WORSHIP

STEWARDSHIP

(Standing)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, creator of all things visible and invisible, powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

DUKE STREET (22 Q)

Join hearts and voices as we lift our grat - i -

tude for ev - 'ry gift, and mul - ti - ply each

gift with praise to God who gives us all our days.

TEXT: © by Jane Parker Huber

Lord, our God, you bring forth and nourish every living being.

We lift up our hearts to you.

We assemble here celebrating the joys of human life, shared one with the other. We recall the ministry of Jesus, crucified and raised up for our salvation, still present among us through the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Confessing that we have strayed from your holy will, we humbly acknowledge our sins before you.

[Kneeling or sitting]

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in many ways, times, and places. We have mishandled this good earth entrusted to our care, and we have misused our personal gifts, hurting both ourselves and others. Forgive our false pride which hides our negligence, and forgive our careless acts which destroy your handiwork. In your mercy correct our faults and restore us to responsible, compassionate living.

SILENT CONFESSION

Hear and know that the Lord is good. God forgives those who are contrite in heart. Live in peace, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

[Sitting]

WELWYN

O ho - ly God, whose gra - cious pow'r re - deems us,
make us, by faith, true stew - ards of your grace;
help us to hear and heed Christ's great com - mis - sion,
shar - ing good news in this our time and place.

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STEWARDSHIP

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us be grateful for all that God has provided.

Inspire us, God of mercy, to be thankful for what we have received.

Let our lives resound with the wonder and beauty of all that God has been creating from the beginning. As caretakers of creation, may we learn anew to enjoy the land, preserve the water, respect all living creatures, and meditate upon the grandeur of open sky and sea.

Teach us, God of creation, to walk the earth with gratitude and wisdom.

Let our eyes be opened to the needs of all people, especially the poor.

Move us, God of justice, to share what we have and to be just and merciful in our nation and the world.

Let us hear God's call to the urgent tasks of our time: studies to pursue, projects to begin, communities to build, individuals to support, damages to restore.

Use us, God of the covenant — use our time, our talent, our treasure.

BUNESSAN

Bless, Lord, the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our

neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work

STEWARDSHIP

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Stewardship'. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a single melodic line in treble clef, with lyrics written below it. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: 'with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

TEXT: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984). ©1988 by Oxford University Press (from hymn "Praise and Thanksgiving")
TUNE: Setting © by Brian Henkelmann

INVITATION TO PRESENT STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS.The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen
PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENTS

Our Creator God calls us to become the servant body of Christ, ministering to the world, and grants us the blessings of membership in the holy, universal church.

We thank you for our place in the church.

The Spirit of the Lord fills this house. God delights in its beauty, and sings through the music of the faithful. God speaks by the reading and proclamation of the word, stirs in the waters of baptism, nourishes through the gifts of bread and wine. God hears the prayers of the people and rejoices in our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We thank you for your presence and power among us.

The Lord gathers us into the fellowship of this congregation. Here we share our spiritual gifts and employ them to build up the body. Some of us teach and proclaim, some shepherd and heal, some lead and administer, some serve, prophesy, and evangelize. All of us dwell in God's love, and all pray for one another in the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer our gifts to honor your holy name and to strengthen one another in faith.

God calls us to commit our financial resources to the building of the kingdom, to tithe, and to give generously of our wealth in proportion to the blessings we have received.

Search our hearts and try our ways that we might give to your glory, O God.

Jesus leads us onward in the high mission of the church. We proclaim the gospel to all nations by word and deed, that people everywhere may find new life in God.

We hear your call. We pledge the best of our labors that your glory may be known in all the earth.

STEWARDSHIP

Let us now rise to serve God. Let us renew our commitment to Christ's call for servanthood, obedience, and sacrifice to establish a world of justice, prosperity, and peace.

We rise as one to love and serve the Lord!

(Standing)

TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
 to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 that our whole life is of - fered to your will.

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May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts —

May the deeds of our hands and the action of our lives —

Be pleasing in your sight, O God our Creator.

Through Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit,

One God of all, world without end.

Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Genesis 32:22-31

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

During the next hymn, children aged 3 through 3rd grade may follow Godly Play leaders to continue worship in CE-106. Visitors can check in Godly Play guests using the QR code found in the pews.

STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE

652 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

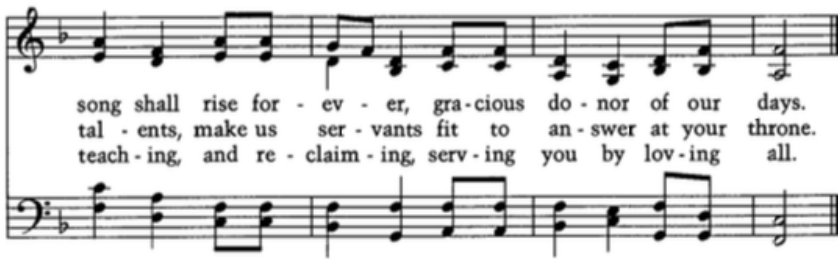
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the
3 Treas - ure too you have en - trust - ed, gain through

rich and end - less store; na - ture's won - der, Je - sus'
goals of Christ, your Son; all at peace in health and
pow'rs your grace con - ferred, ours to use for home and

wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, gift - ed
free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di -
kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen

by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful
rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with
wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,

STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE



SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 121Rev. Tobiassen

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day

nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; the Lord will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

SERMON: *Singing to Each Other*

We in One Covenant Are Joined 527

We in one covenant are joined and one in Jesus are;
with voices and with hearts combined, his praise we will declare;
in doctrine and in practice one, we'll love and serve the Lord alone,
with one accord sound forth his praise, till we shall see his face.

TEXT: Christian Andreas Bernstein (1700). Tr. John Swertner (1789)

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WORSHIP (159 A)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>. Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to homemoravian.org/donate. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

OFFERTORY INVITATIONRev. Dr. Atwood

ANTHEM: *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*Malcolm Williamson (1970)
Home Church Choir

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help? My help cometh even from the Lord: the Lord who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand; so that the sun shall not burn thee by day neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth forevermore.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLDRev. Tobiassen

I lift my eyes unto the hills;
from where shall come my help at last?
Whate'er the need, God will provide,
The Lord, by whom the world was cast.

Each day is God a strength and shield
against the onslaught of your foes;
and to the dangers of the nights,
the eyes of God are never closed.

The promise of the Lord is sure:
to hold you in unyielding care;
throughout your life, may faith confirm
that where you are, the Lord is there.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn 832, *The Grace of Our Lord*

*While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.
We invite you to continue your fellowship as you exit during the postlude.*

SERVICE MUSIC

832 The Grace of Our Lord

The musical score for 'The Grace of Our Lord' is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is in 4/4 time and features a treble and bass staff. The lyrics 'The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ, and the love of' are written below the treble staff. The second system is also in 4/4 time and continues the lyrics 'God, and the com - mu - nion of the Ho - ly Spir - it,'. The third system is in 3/4 time and concludes with the lyrics 'be with us all, be with us all. A - men.' The piano accompaniment is written in the bass staff and provides harmonic support for the vocal line.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:13
TUNE: Christian Gregor (1763)

Irregular
(540 E)

POSTLUDE: *Come, Labor On*Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

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SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (GODLY PLAY), CE-106, 10:20 a.m. (aged 3 through 3rd grade), *The Story of Job*

FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m., CE-101 and Zoom

BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom

CHILDREN AND YOUTH POWER HOUR, CE Building

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY, Saal

PERSONALS

We embrace in sympathy Home Church's administrative assistant, Wendy Fulp, whose sister, Tonya Brewer McCormick, died October 14.

CALENDAR

Sunday - 9:00-9:45 a.m. - Directory Pictures, Saal

9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

10:20 a.m. - Children's Worship (Godly Play), CE-106

11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship, location depending on weather

11:15 a.m. - Feasting on the Word, CE-101 and Zoom

Bible Discussion, Club Room and Zoom

Children and Youth Power Hour, CE Building

Early Church History, Saal

12:15-1:00 p.m. - Directory Pictures, Saal

Monday - 5:00 p.m. - Youth Ministry Team, CE-101

Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - MOC Breakfast, Club Room

6:30 p.m. - Beginning Band, RB-5

7:30 p.m. - Chorale Band, RB-5

Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Kids' Program

6:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Program, CE-101

Guitar Lessons, RB-5

Thursday - 2:00 p.m. - Flute Choir, RB-5

5:30 p.m. - Handbells, Bell Room

6:30 p.m. - Choir, Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. - Men's Chorus

Next Sunday - 9:30 a.m. - Nursery, CE-105

10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

10:20 a.m. - Children's Worship (Godly Play), CE-106

11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship

11:15 a.m. - Church Council (No Sunday School or Power Hour) 12:00 p.m. - Church Council Luncheon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we celebrate our Commitment Sunday. Recognizing that financial giving reflects our belief that “all of life is a sacred trust to be used wisely,” let us offer our gifts with grateful hearts. After worship, the Stewardship Committee invites you to a special Coffee Fellowship (planned for outdoors, but location depends on weather).

We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today in honor of *David Elliott Bell's* birthday and in loving memory of *Kate Arndt Bell* by Marnie Bell Stutts and family.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher for assistance.

We thank guest organist Edwin Walker for sharing his musical gifts this morning.

Inquirers' Classes for those who may be interested in becoming members of Home Church will continue on October 21 and 28. These classes will be offered as Zoom sessions. In-person classes are on Wednesdays, October 22 and November 5 (in conjunction with Wednesday Night Fellowship). If you would like more information, please speak to one of the pastors.

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