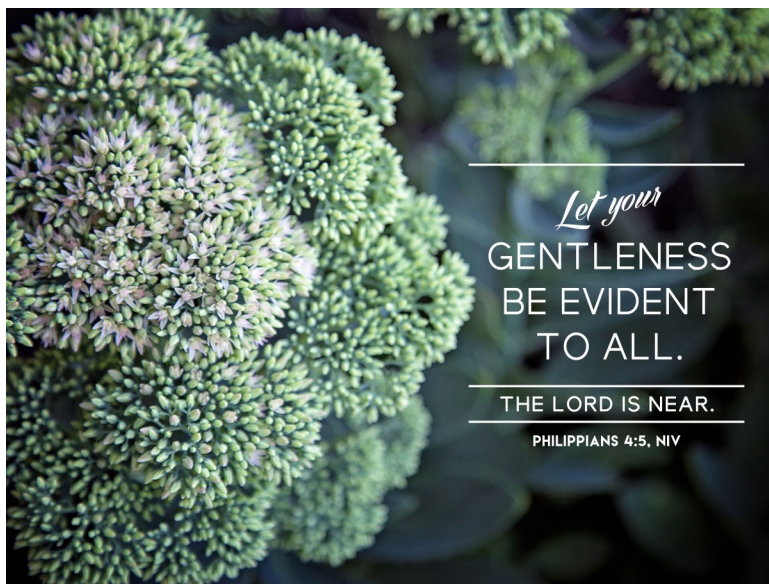


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# Worship Celebration



Twentieth Sunday  
after Pentecost

October 15, 2023 + 9 AM

## We Gather as God's Children

### Words of Welcome

**Prelude**

*Prelude on "Rhosymedre"*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

### + Call to Worship

The Lord is good!

***God's Steadfast love endures forever.***

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**+ Hymn**

*Be Thou My Vision*

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# **We Grow in God's Word**

**Presentation of Bibles** - *Student Receiving Bible: Benjamin Carbajal*

## **Pastor of Christian Formation & Outreach:**

Having learned and grown,  
this young person is now ready to receive a new Bible  
to be read and studied in Sunday school and at home.  
We remember that Jesus also learned and grew  
and celebrate the opportunity to join Jesus  
on that journey of growth.

## **Pastors and Sunday School Teachers:**

Receive the Word of God.  
Learn its stories and study its words.  
Its stories belong to us all; its words speak to us all,  
telling us who we are, telling us that we belong to one  
another,  
for together, we are the people of God.

## **Students:**

I will receive this Bible with my hands, heart, and mind.  
I will read and study the Bible.

## **Congregation:**

*We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.  
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us  
as you explore this Bible in your home,  
in your Sunday school classes, and in our worship.  
We will learn and grow together in our love of God's Word.*

## **All:**

*The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.  
The grass withers, and the flower fades;  
but the Word of our God will stand forever.  
Thanks be to God.*

**Handbell Choir Anthem**     *It is Well with My Soul*

Douglas E. Wagner  
arr. Philip P. Bliss

Leader: With disciples of every time and place,  
let us listen for the word of God among us.

**People:** *Our ears and hearts are open.*

**First Lesson**

The word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Second Lesson**

God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon**

**Hymn**

*Where He Leads Me*

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**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Opportunities for Ministry and  
Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Peace of God*

David Haas

**Doxology**

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment**

*Creator God, you are our provider.*

*We offer all that we have  
and all that we are to you,  
because we belong to you.*

*Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church,  
that through the work of your Spirit  
we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the storm,  
and a shade from the heat.*

*Through Christ, our shield and stronghold. Amen.*

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## **We Go Out to Serve in God's Name**

**+ Hymn**

*Only Trust Him*

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**+ Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Hornpipe from "Water Music"*

George Frideric Handel  
arr. Josh Kraybill

***Our service of worship is ended.  
Our worship through service now begins.***