

LARGE PRINT

Worship Celebration



Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Bring Your Own
Bible Sunday

October 8, 2023 + 9 AM

We Gather as God's Children

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Andante from Sonatina I, op. 36

Muzio Clementi

+ Opening Prayer

The heavens declare the glory of God!

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

*The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,
the night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.*

*Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
in declaring God's glory!*

Amen.

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+ Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit, Our Hearts Inspire

UMH 603

We Grow in God's Word

Presentation of Bibles

Students Receiving Bibles: Hope Antczak, Kailee Mitchell, Elisha Blevins

Pastor of Christian Formation & Outreach:

Having learned and grown,
these young people are now ready to receive new Bibles
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:

We will receive these Bibles with our hands, hearts, and minds.

We will read and study the Bible together.

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.

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 — Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (NRSVUE)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson — Philippians 3.4b-14 (NRSVUE)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *“What’s the Goal?”*

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

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

Offertory Anthem *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis

Doxology UMH 95

*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.*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment

*We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for all your good gifts, and above all,
for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior.
Strengthen us as we continue to strive
for the heavenly prize that you offer:
eternal and abundant life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

+ Hymn

The B-I-B-L-E

***The B-I-B-L-E! That's the book for me
I stand alone on the Word of God. The B-I-B-L-E!
(REPEAT)***

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+ **Benediction**

***May the love of the Creator,
who rescues us from slavery,
the grace of the Savior,
who redeems us from brokenness,
and the peace of the Spirit,
who moves us into freedom,
surround you, uphold you, and sustain you,
now and forevermore.***

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Postlude

Allegro con Spirito from Sonatina IV, op. 36

Muzio Clementi

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

Morning Prayer:

God of hosts,
at the dawning of this day,
let your face shine upon me.
Restore me,
and be my salvation;
through Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

Christ Jesus my Lord,
as you have lived with me this day,
let me rest with you this night;
and when this life has ended,
let me live with you forever. Amen.

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