

ORDER OF WORSHIP - SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Dr. John Hatton

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Dr. James Humlong

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
arr. Dale Wood

INTROIT

Chancel Choir

Come and Find the Quiet Center
Shirley Erena Murray

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter,
be at peace and simply be.*

© 2000 Abingdon Press
CCLI#199201

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. John Hatton

Jesus said, "Come unto me all you who are weary and I will give you rest."

We long for our souls to rest in the peace which Jesus gives.

Jesus also said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me."

We come today to learn from the God of all knowledge.

Jesus said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**As we come to worship, let us cast our burdens on the Savior
and find that he bears our burdens and lightens our load.**

Jesus invites us to "Come."

It is our joy to say yes to this invitation.

***HYMN 369**

Blessed Assurance

***PSALTER LESSON**

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

leads me beside still waters, restores my life,

leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Philpot

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. John Hatton

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery,
to walk by faith.

Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules.

It's hard to live by faith.

You call us to place our trust in you,
to live according to your direction.

Yet we want life to make sense

from a human point of view.

It's hard to live by faith.

You call us to feel the mystery of life,
to marvel at the power of your love.

Yet it's not easy to accept your promise

that everything old has passed away.

It's hard to live by faith.

Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

Forgive us for playing god

instead of accepting our humanity.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

May those who desire to please Christ,
find the desires of their hearts.

In Christ, we are a new creation.

Everything old has passed away.

Everything has become new!

Glory to God! Amen.

HYMN 175

stanzas 1 and 2

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. John Hatton

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

Children of the Heavenly Father
Eric Nelson

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Loretta Barnes

2 Corinthians 5: 1-7 (NRSV)

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Parker Outman

***HYMN 421**

Make Me a Captive, Lord

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Dr. James Humlong

Toccata on “Amazing Grace”
arr. J. Christopher Pardini

This Morning’s Liturgy:

Call to Worship - Written by Constance Cherry
© 2011 by Constance Cherry.

Prayer of Confession - written by Peter Bankson and found on the *Ministry Matters* website

Words of Assurance - written by Leigh Ann Taylor and found in

The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024 Edition. © 2023 by Abingdon Press. Used by permission.