

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 2, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

Congregational responses are in **bold** type.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude
Welcome
Announcements

PRAISE

Call to Worship

"Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." These difficult words invite us to look at what we lose and what we find as we live in Jesus' way.

**Let our worship strengthen us
for following in Jesus' Way.**

Solo *In The Bulb There Is A Flower*

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, you reign in majesty and glory, enthroned in human hearts where you rule in gentleness and love. We confess that we have not lived the ways of your kingdom, nor have we announced your gracious rule. We have been intimidated by the ways of the world, and have allowed them to reign over us. Forgive us our timid discipleship and grant us a place in your kingdom where every voice is joined in praising you as Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silent Reflection and Assurance of Forgiveness

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

A reading from the gospel of Matthew 10:24-42

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from

the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple--truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Morning Message

Rev. Dr. McCarthy

Pastoral Prayer • Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Solo *God of Grace and God of Glory* (Verses 1 & 4)

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

Let us go on to live well for the sake of Christ
and the glory of God.

At each day's waking, embrace God.

In each day's working, serve God.

In each day's playing, enjoy God.

At each day's sleeping, thank God.

Amen.

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Postlude

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Worship on the Town Green