

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SUNDAY, October 11, 2020 – 10:00 AM**

Congregational responses are in **bold** type.

**WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

The Prelude

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

**PRAISE**

Call to Worship (Psalm 149:1-4a, adapted)

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice!  
Say to all the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

**People: Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!  
Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures forever.

**People: Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who lives from everlasting to everlasting!**

Confession

**God of joy, we confess that we often fail to live into your joy. We take momentary pleasure in acquiring things, eating too much, the fleeting situations we think will make us happy. We know that our true joy is only in you and in the life you offer us. Forgive us, turn us around, give us the wisdom to know your ways and walk in them rejoicing. In Jesus name, Amen.**

Hymn: *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #42, vs 1&4

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories ever echoing  
the triumphs of God's grace!

4 Glory to God, and love and praise  
be ever, ever given  
By all the saints in every age,  
the church in earth and heaven.

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Old Testament Readings:**

**Proverbs 17.22:**

A cheerful heart is a good medicine,  
but a downcast spirit dries up the bones.

**Ecclesiastes 3.1, 4**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance...

Message *"The Good Humor Man"* Pastor Don Francois

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer (Holy Humor Version)**

Our Father in heaven,  
let Your holy name be known,  
let Your kingdom come, and Your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today the bread that we need,  
and forgive us our wrongs, and OK,  
we'll forgive those who have done wrong to us, too.  
Do not lead us into trial, but save us from evil.  
For we want for You alone to rule in our hearts.  
You have power to transform,  
and in the light of Your smile is Your glory. Amen.

**WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD**

Closing Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #4, vs 1&2

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the storms of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around you,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
teach us what our praise should be.

Benediction

Postlude