

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 2022

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Prelude - Lord, I want to be a Christian (8:30-Bish; 11:00-Thompson)

Call to Worship

Jacob was left alone at the river, wrestling with God.

and he would not let go until God blessed him at daybreak.

We have gathered early today to cling to God,

We shall not leave until he blesses us.

Opening Hymn No. 369** - Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Refrain)*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
(Refrain)*

Invocation -

Our heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us. We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life. Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-8 (New Testament page)

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Anthem - (11am)

Jonah - Joyce Eilers

God's Word for Young Disciples

(Those in grades K-4 may be excused for Children's worship during the 11:00 service. They may be picked up in Asbury Hall.)

Anthem

8:30 - *Shut de Do* - Randy Stonehill

11:00 - *If you Continue in my Word* - Donald Busarow

Sermon - *When the answer is not yet*

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Hymn No. 386** - *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

*Come, O thou Traveler unknown,
whom still I hold, but cannot see!
My company before is gone,
and I am left alone with thee.
With thee all night I mean to stay,
and wrestle till the break of day;
with thee all night I mean to stay,
and wrestle till the break of day.*

I need not tell thee who I am,

*my misery and sin declare;
thyself hast called me by my name,
look on thy hands and read it there.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou?
Tell me thy name, and tell me now.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou?
Tell me thy name, and tell me now.*

*Yield to me now, for I am weak,
but confident in self despair!
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak,
be conquered by my instant prayer.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,
and tell me if thy name is Love.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,
and tell me if thy name is Love.*

*'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me,
I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
pure, Universal Love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move;
thy nature and thy name is Love.
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thy nature and thy name is Love.*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - *Jesus Lover of my Soul* - David Harris

Doxology**

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

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

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

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith

Closing Hymn No. 496 - Sweet Hour of Prayer**

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn No. 668)

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.

Postlude - Postlude on "Joyful, Joyful" - Brenda Portman

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given

in memory of our loved ones by Bob & Nancy Green;
in memory of her parents Charles & Juanita Peel by Donna Curfman.

Service Music: 8:30 Epworth Choir; 11:00 Bethlehem, Wesley, and Chancel Choirs; Chad Wagner, trumpet

Music: One License A-731491

CHURCH NOTES

Fall Hiking Spree: This week's hike will be at Furnace Run Park on the Rock Creek Trail (1.3 miles.) We will meet at 2:00 pm for a quick devotion. In case of bad weather, hikers can complete that hike on their own.

It's S'October! The Acts of Grace Circle is collecting socks during the month of October for the men and women at Haven of Rest/Harvest Home. Please bring in new socks and place them in the basket located outside the church library. Thank you!

Freedom Brass Concert: Next Sunday, October 23, at 2:30 the Freedom Brass Band under the direction of Tucker Jolly will be the first concert of the 2022-2023 Art Series. This 40 piece brass band will be playing The National Anthem, Summon the Heroes by John Williams, My Fair Lady, Mancini Magic and other wonderful selections. Please come out to hear this concert and bring a friend with you. The concerts are free and open to the public. We do take up a free will offering to help support this concert series.

Christmas Greens: The Epworth youth are selling a variety of Christmas greens to help with the cost of their Spring Tour. If you are interested, you may order from any youth or you may call the church office to place your order.

2023 Altar Flowers: Starting Monday, October 17, we will be taking orders for altar flowers in 2023. The cost is \$38 and the church takes care of the ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com or Ext. 210.

UMW Book Sale: Can you donate some used books, games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs for our annual sale on Nov. 4 & 5 (9:00 to 3:00). If so, please drop off at the church (Wesley Hall) on Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 2, 3. We greatly appreciate your donations, but cannot use magazines, text books, or encyclopedias. All proceeds from the sale go to various missions.

Acme Receipts: Remember to save your Acme receipts for their Community Cash Back program. Buy store brands and save the receipts dated August 4 through December 24. The church receives 5% on qualifying products. The money is used to fund the projects done at Work Camp. Receipts may be turned in at the Welcome Center.

Christmas Poinsettias: The florist has given us an early deadline, so now is the time to order the poinsettias which will adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. The plants are \$9 each. The list of donors and those memorialized or honored will appear in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please make your check out to First Church and return it with the order to the church office by noon on Monday, November 14.

Donor _____ Phone _____

In memory or honor of (circle one)

Shirt Sale is to Benefit Missions: Here's a fun way to help the Mission Committee give more to our local missions. We are selling shirts with our church name and logo. You order and pay through Bonfire. They will send you the shirt(s). We have two links with the Bonfire Company:

1. A simple design with church name only on the front of whatever type shirt you'd like - we even have a hoodie. Shirt with front only (smaller font): <https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser/>

2. Shirt with church name front and back: "I go to a great church" on back also available in different colors and styles. Shirt with front and back (larger font): <https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser-1-1/>

We are still in need of help with the Sunday morning Crib Room and Preschool classes. Anyone who can give an hour a month would be greatly appreciated! Contact Donna Curfman.

Next Steps

Justice delayed

Luke 18:6 – The judge is meant as an example of what God is NOT like
Yet it can feel like God delivers justice on as slow a schedule as the judge

Do not lose heart

Isaiah 9:6 – are we trying to hold the government on our own shoulders?
vs. 7 – what forms of justice will we accept as answers to our prayers?

Questions for Reflection: As the Messiah, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that, “the government shall be on his shoulders.” It’s tempting, however, to try to take up that burden upon ourselves. Are there worries, injustices, or wrongs that you carry that you could hand back over to Jesus’s shoulders? Which worries, injustices, and wrongs are within your power to change and which are Jesus’s responsibility?

Questions for Discussion: How do you respond when God doesn’t answer your prayers right away? What helps you to be patient? Have you ever received a “No” or “Not yet” from God as the answer to your prayer?

Memory Verse: **Luke 18:1** – Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

Readings for this Week: Luke 18:9-14, Galatians 6:7-10, Exodus 3:7-12

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