



**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 22, 2024 10:30 a.m.

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Assurance" J. Bert Carlson  
(\* *Indicates that all are invited to stand*)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: The disciples argued about their own importance to Jesus.

**All: Who would be first in his sight, they wanted to know?**

One: And Jesus took a small child and placed the child in their midst.

*Soloist: Singing verse 1 of "Like A Child"*

One: Whoever receives this child in my name, receives me, he said.

**All: And whoever receives me, receives the one who sent him.**

One: And they looked at the small child and wondered.

*Soloist: singing verse 2 of "Like A Child"*

One: Lord, help us to open our eyes to your love.

**All: Remind us again, Lord, that we are called to ministries of service.**

One: Get us ready to share your love with all your children.

*Soloist: singing verse 3 of "Like A Child"*



## SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant” #539 *New Century Hymnal*  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Won’t you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on the journey. We are travelers on the road;  
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ light for you in the shadow of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**Won’t you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

## RESPONDING

*We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.*

## NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

## 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY                    "The Lord is My Shepherd"            Arr. Harold DeCou  
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

\* RESPONSE OF PRAISE #778 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*COMMISSIONING HYMN "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" #543

*Glory to God Hymnal*



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-  
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



D7 G Am F G Am



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



F C G Am F C G C



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.



\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Prelude in Classic Style"

Gordon Young

**SENDING**

*With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.*

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Worship Endnotes

1. Adapted from [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com)

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