

September 25, 2016
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude: Aria for Organ John Dixon

Chiming of the Hour

***Hymn:** #353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Joys & Concerns

Introit: *Trust and Obey*

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High.
Gather together, all who trust in God Almighty.

All: God reigns through all generations. We will praise God as long as we live.

One: We trust in God, our refuge and our fortress.
We count on God's faithfulness at all times.

All: God lifts us up when we are threatened or afraid. We call to God for protection and rescue.

One: Worship God, who richly provides us with all things.
Give thanks to the one who dwells in unapproachable light.

All: God, who made heaven and earth, keeps faith forever. We will pour out our thankfulness in words and deeds.

One: Come let us worship together!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Ever-present God, let your Spirit fill this place, for we need to know that you are in charge. Through the terrors of night, amid the arrows that fly by day, we need to sense your power, your protection, your higher purpose. Show us here your saving, healing strength. Grant to us such confidence and contentment that we may look beyond ourselves to become a blessing to others. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages that we forget who makes them possible. We are so eager for riches that we wander away from faith. We consider ourselves more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty. We look down on people less industrious or differently gifted than we. We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand. O God, forgive our misplaced priorities. Have mercy on us and melt our hardened hearts so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now. Hear now our silent confessions as we turn to you seeking mercy, forgiveness and grace. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Love

***Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 91:1-16

(Page 674 HS in the pew bible)

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture -

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

(Page 1047 HS in the pew bible)

Children's Message and Lord's Prayer (debts)

***Hymn:** #43 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

Offering of Gifts

Anthem: *Now With Hands to God Uplifted* Antonio Lotti

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

Prayer of Dedication

New Testament – Luke 16:19-31

(Page 97 NT in the pew bible)

Sermon: "My God, in Whom I Trust"

Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Response: *Trust and Obey*

***Hymn:** #838 *Standing on the Promises*

Benediction

Response: #838 Refrain only – sung by all

Postlude: Dialogue on the Mixtures Jean Langlais
(*Please stand if able)

If you are visiting us today, Welcome! Please sign the guestbook at the front door and introduce yourself to our Pastor or to one of our Deacons.

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. All are welcome!
Our host today is Clare Rashkoff.*

Hearing assist devices are available; please see an usher if you would like to use one.

Nursery care is available for children ages 0-4. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery.

Our Lay Reader today is Mary O'Neill.

Our ushers today are Joe Catania & Vince Hanlon.

Prayer List

Margie Vail, Gordon Weekly, Paul McAbee, Jose Luis Marti, Kay & Stan Norman, Shirley Rogers, Jane Fitting, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacquette, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith, Betty Scribner, family and friends of: Mark Lundeen, Norman Sills, Charles Cook, and Ron Gramaglia.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today 11:30 am Church Council
 1 pm Crop Walk
 Monday 7 pm Jazz Rehearsal
 Wednesday 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
 Thursday 4:30 pm Women’s Bible Study
 7 pm HousaTonics
 Friday 7:30 am Men’s Bible Study

*Pastor Diane will be on vacation from September 26-30.
 For Pastoral Emergencies please call Sarah Zarbock or
 Rich Reifsnyder.*

OPPORTUNITIES

AUTUMN MINDFULNESS RETREAT

Kathy Voldstad will be leading the church in a mindfulness retreat at Silver Lake Conference Center Saturday, October 22nd, 9 – 2 pm, \$15 per person and lunch is included. Please register on the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Men’s Bible Study meets on Friday mornings in the Parish Hall Library at 7:30 am. The group is studying the Book of Acts. All are welcome ~ no bible experience necessary.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Women’s Bible Study meets on Thursdays, at 4:30 pm in the Parish Hall Library. The group is studying the Book of John and discussing the *Peace Through Understanding* programs. All are welcome to attend.

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