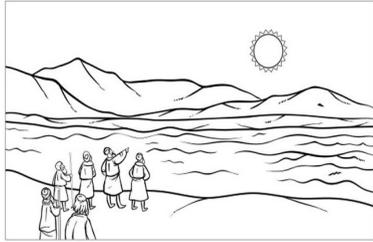


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Theme: The Heritage of Our Faith - Persistence



“Consecrate yourselves, because tomorrow the Lord will perform miracles among you.” Joshua 3:5

GATHERING

Prelude: “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”
German Chorale, arr. C. Berry

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.

People: We come to lift our prayers, and to sing God’s praises once again.

Leader: We come to ask for and hope for and to long for to justice and healing in the land.

People: We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit.

*Hymn: #32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God ”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession (*today’s Gospel in Prayer*)

God of Justice, we know that in this hard world there are leaders motivated by harmful ideologies and misguided judgement, seeking recognition and a power that neither fears God nor respects human beings.

We recall a nameless widow who confronted a judge, as Jesus told it, crying out to the judge day and night for help against her adversary, until he changed his mind and with her sheer stubbornness gained a hearing that brought about change. Jesus said to pray like that. Not to keep quiet; but to insist on raising the issues the Gospels call us to raise.

So help us to be steadfast, down-to-earth, stubborn and courageous for

righteous causes that change the world. And when we falter, or grow weak, or neglect what you put before us, spur us on.

For all the ways we do not keep your word before us, forgive us. Redirect us when we take easier steps rather than the harder path. Forgive us when we pursue our own desires to the harm of your desires or grow weary in well-doing. Turn our hearts to your commands and your word of grace, we pray. AMEN

Declaration of Forgiveness

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Joshua 5 A New Generation Joshua 6 Jericho Taken and Rahab Saved

Sermon: **“When Persistence Pays Off”**

Hymn: #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*today’s assigned Gospel in prayer*)

Persistent and just God, you do not turn away when your people cry out. Receive the gifts we offer as acts of faith—a faith that keeps moving, that keeps hoping, that keeps working even when the world says it’s too late or too little. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, until your will on earth becomes complete as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, who still stands at the door and knocks. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #817 "We Walk By Faith"

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: May we continually wrestle with prayer. May we beseech the door of heaven with shameless boldness.

People: We trust that our prayers, and the efforts of our minds, and the work of our hands will produce a bountiful harvest.

Leader: In countenance of joy, with gracious demeanor, and peaceful hearts, we leave this place.

People: And may the God of hope fill us with all peace, that we may abound in hope, assured that our prayers are heard and our efforts honored by a loving and gracious God.

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

Postlude: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
Old English Melody, arr. M. Shaw, adapted P. Keveren
(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation:

The Prayer Person this week is Darwin & Lois Eshleman

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