

**Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
Children's Sabbath**
October 19, 2025



The wolf will live with the lamb... the calf and the young lion will feed together.... –Isaiah 11:6

We Gather in Response to God's Invitation

THE GIFT OF MUSIC TO GATHER US

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Written by Rev. Nelson Cowan, <https://resistharm.com/worship/liturgical-greetings>.

One: Hear these words of invitation:

Welcome to the joyful—may you be able to share that joy here.

Welcome to the tired and weary—may you find rest here.

Welcome to the lonely—may you find community here.

Welcome to the sick—may you find healing here.

Welcome to those who mourn—may you find comfort here.

Welcome to the foreigner, to the stranger, to the refugee—may you find safety here.

Welcome to every nation, every race, every sexual orientation, every gender identity—may you find hospitality here.

The God who delights in all of creation is in our midst!

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (INSPIRED BY ISALAH 11:1-10 AND ROMANS 15:4-13, RESPONSIVE)**

**An asterisk indicates when the people stand in body or spirit.*

One: A shoot soon comes from Jesse's stump,
And a branch shall spring from roots.

All: **Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.**

Let all the people give God praise.

A leader soon comes who will lift the poor
With righteousness around his waist.

Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.

Let all the people give God praise.

Because of who YOU are and where YOU are on life's journey, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

A child soon comes from an innocent place
With wisdom and might he'll lead the way.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children.
Let all the people give God praise.**

*OPENING PRAYER (*TOGETHER, INSPIRED BY PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19*)

God of the waiting wanderers in the wilderness, we enter this moment of worship expecting that when we leave this hour of prayer, we will be full of the courage needed to stand as a signal. We come to the mountain to feel closer to your presence, O God. May the mountains yield prosperity for your people. May righteousness flourish and peace abound. You, alone, are the God who does wondrous things. May your glory fill this place as we worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

*SINGING TOGETHER

“Shout to the Lord”

Verse: **My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.**

Chorus: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

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We Pray for Transformation and New Life

INTRODUCTION

Let us turn to our loving God, in anticipation of healing and hope, and renewed faith with which to cultivate joy and share love.

Moment of silence

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION (*TOGETHER*)

God, we admit that we do not always stand as a signal for your righteousness. In the hustle and bustle of our lives, we have left little room to witness—to be your hands and feet in a world that needs us now more than ever. In the warm belly of comfort, many of us have relaxed in the layers of our privilege, not attending to the needs of the least of these.

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Forgive us, O God. Give us the courage to stand tall, to follow in the footsteps of the one who came to secure justice for the poor, bring equity to the meek, and condemn the wicked with his lips. And on that day, we shall stand as a signal to the people.

WORDS OF GRACE

Beloved, know that God's grace and mercy abound, and in God and Christ, we are forgiven. Let us live into this gift. Amen.

THE PEACE

In Christ we are becoming a new creation.

We see God around us. We see God within us. We give thanks to our Creator.

Let us show the love God has instilled within us by greeting each other as a sign of God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness and grace. The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

And also with you.

*REGATHERING SONG:

"Jesu, Jesu"

Black #498 chorus (x2)

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of things both tiny and vast, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 11:1-10

A shoot from Jesse's stump

A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse;
a branch will sprout from his roots.

²The Lord's spirit will rest upon him,
a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
a spirit of planning and strength,
a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.

³He will delight in fearing the Lord.
He won't judge by appearances,
nor decide by hearsay.

⁴He will judge the needy with righteousness,
and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land.

Because of who YOU are and where YOU are on life's journey, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth;
 by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness will be the belt around his hips,
 and faithfulness the belt around his waist.
⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
 and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;
 the calf and the young lion will feed together,
 and a little child will lead them.
⁷ The cow and the bear will graze.
 Their young will lie down together,
 and a lion will eat straw like an ox.
⁸ A nursing child will play over the snake's hole;
 toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den.
⁹ They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain.
 The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord,
 just as the water covers the sea.
¹⁰ On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a signal to the peoples.
 The nations will seek him out, and his dwelling will be glorious.

RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING

PSALM 72:1-4, 12-14

God, give your judgments to the king.
 Give your righteousness to the king's son.
² **Let him judge your people with righteousness
 and your poor ones with justice.**
³ Let the mountains bring peace to the people;
 let the hills bring righteousness.
⁴ **Let the king bring justice to people who are poor;
 let him save the children of those who are needy...**
¹² Let it be so, because he delivers the needy who cry out,
 the poor, and those who have no helper.
¹³ **He has compassion on the weak and the needy;
 he saves the lives of those who are in need.**
¹⁴ He redeems their lives from oppression and violence;
 their blood is precious in his eyes.

MINI MUSICAL:

"It's Okay to Be Different"
 Averleigh Fake, James Fake, Brynn Gruver and Caleb Trayer
 with MacKenzie Fritz and Joy Gobrecht

Because of who YOU are and where YOU are on life's journey, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

SONG: "Why Can't We Get Along?"

SONG: "Listen with Your Heart"

SONG: "It's Okay to Be Different"

SONG: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (*Chancel Choir*)

SONG: "Kum Ba Yah"

**We are praying, Lord, Kum ba ya. We are praying, Lord, Kum ba ya.
We are praying, Lord, Kum ba ya. Oh, Lord, hear our prayer.**

**We are singing, Lord, Kum ba ya. We are singing, Lord, Kum ba ya.
We are singing, Lord, Kum ba ya. Oh, Lord, hear our prayer.**

**We are list'ning, Lord, Kum ba ya. We are list'ning, Lord, Kum ba ya.
We are list'ning, Lord, Kum ba ya. Oh, Lord, we can hear.
Oh, Lord, you are here.**

SONG: "Reprise"

We Respond to God's Word

A TIME FOR COMMUNAL PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

You are invited to share joys and concerns we can pray for together. Let our sharing itself be an act of prayer.

PRAYERS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

**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 sins as we forgive those who
sin 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.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Feeding the 5,000 and God's Meal Barrel

Pat Joseph

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

You are invited to place your gifts in the offering basket as you arrive or depart from our worship together.

We believe in the God of justice and righteousness, and God believes in us to carry forth the mission of loving and caring for community. Let us now share our gifts and resources so that we may continue to walk humbly with God and with neighbors.

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DEDICATING OUR OFFERING (TOGETHER)

We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a signal to the people that there is a God who saves, heals, and sets free. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

*SINGING TOGETHER

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Brown 681

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

GOOD WORDS FOR GOING FORTH

Let us go forth knowing that we are led by God, that we are held by God, that we are loved by God. Let us know that God empowers us as God holds and leads and loves us; And knowing all that, let us stand as a signal that the glory of God dwells with us now and forever more. Amen.

*SINGING TOGETHER.

“Deep Within Our Hearts”

Sing! #124 (*repeat*)

**There’s a song deep within our hearts
There’s a light burning in our souls
And a path in the darkness lit from above
God help us sing your song, Spirit to shine your light,
Jesus to live your love.**

DISMISSAL

Tend the earth, love your neighbors, always; as you have received freely, so give freely. Go in peace to love and serve our God.

Thanks be to God.

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