



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Rogers

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Be the wind and fire that transform our lives.

Breathe upon us as we study your word of life.

Kindle faith from our believing doubt.

Cleanse us from our waywardness.

Deepen our passion for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Give us voice to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue.

All: Fill your church with power. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Songs of Praise

"I Lift My Eyes Up"	#652
"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"	#746
"Lord, I Need You"	Reeves et al.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you are exceedingly gracious and merciful. You forgive us and restore us when we turn from our wrongdoing and turn towards you. Yet we are often reluctant to recognize and confess our sins. We run from your presence, refusing to accept your word. Lord, let us be more like the repentant Ninevites who cried out nightly to you. Have mercy on us and restore us to right relationship with you. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading	Psalm 116:1-9	Carrie Heins
Time for Young Disciples		Pam Carnahan
Scripture Reading	Mark 8:27-37	
Sermon	"Who Do You Say Jesus Is?"	Lauren Corder

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response

“Christ, Be Our Light”

#908

Offering

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

see slides

Benediction

Postlude

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Rogers

Leading in Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Lauren Corder, Michael Rivers, Carrie Heins

Pianist/Organist: Anna Nichols

Worship Music Team (varies): Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan, Dick Chambers, Iantha Frazer, Randy Schuchardt, Dan Cobb

Media Team (varies): Paul Stutesman, Todd Haworth, Wayne Brown, Bruce McCloskey, Bonnie McCloskey, Dorita Reed, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair, Mark Wendt, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Sadie Miller

Slides: Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes

Next Sunday's Worship - September 22, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

James 3:13-4:3,4:7-8a, Mark 9:30-37; "Strive to Serve"; Pastor Matt will be preaching.

Competition is an ingrained value in many cultures, but in ours it is more of a virtue. Healthy competition motivates participants to give their best efforts, hone their skills, and fight to rise above the field in victory. From a young age, we are taught to do our best. For some, that message gets reinterpreted as: be the best. Which is what brought the disciples to argue with one another about who among them was the greatest. Jesus gave them a response they were not prepared to hear. Are you willing to strive for greatness by being a servant to others?

Announcements

FISH Co. Men's Bible Study, Tuesday, September 17, 8 am, Zoom

Deacons Meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 4 pm, Fellowship Hall

Praise Team, Tuesday, September 17, 6:45 pm, Sanctuary

Women's Bible Study, Wednesday, September 18, 9 am, Upstairs Classroom

Book Club, Thursday, September 19, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Youth Group BBQ, Saturday, September 21, 5 pm, Rivers' home

Adult & Children's Sunday School Classes, Sundays, 9:45 am, Classrooms

Question of the Month: If you could ask God one thing, what would it be?
