

**19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

OPENING PRAYER (based on Psalm 19 & Wisdom of Solomon 7.26- 8.1)

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

P: In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness, God is with us.

L: God alone saves us. God alone helps us. God alone sets us on the path of peace.

P: Let us worship our Helper!

HYMN OF THE MONTH GTG #701

“LORD PREPARE ME (Sanctuary)”

CALL TO CONFESSION

We long to gloss over the messy parts of our stories: the deceit, the anger and the heavy grudges. But nothing is hidden from God. We come before God and one another with complete honesty, naming our sins that we might reclaim our name as God’s beloved children.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, do you go silent when we perpetuate cycles of retaliation and violence? Does your silence mock our own silence in the face of unchecked weaponization and loss of life? Forgive us for our failure to speak out and speak up for the victims of violence in our midst and around the world. Open our ears and hearts to hold space for your voice to return to us: the voice of a better way of healing and hope for all people. Show us this faithful path and give us the courage to walk in it, even if for the very first time. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. We are a people set free from the harmful patterns of the past for a future God builds in our midst even now. We are whole people who are called to make this world whole, with God’s help.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

“GLORY, GLORY, HALLELUJAH”

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down,

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

If we are uncertain and weary, speak to us, O God. If we are grounded and hopeful, speak to us. If our faith feels solid and steady, speak to us, and if our faith feels shaky and tentative, speak to us. Keep speaking through your holy Word, O God, that we may find our voice in yours. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The riffraff among them had a strong craving. Even the Israelites cried again and said, “Who will give us meat to eat? We remember the fish we ate in Egypt for free, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. Now our lives are wasting away. There is nothing but manna in front of us.” Moses heard the people crying throughout their clans, each at his tent’s entrance. The Lord was outraged, and Moses was upset. Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? And why haven’t I found favor in your eyes, for you have placed the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give birth to them, that you would say to me, ‘Carry them at the breast, as a nurse carries an unweaned child,’ to the fertile land that you promised their ancestors? Where am I to get meat for all these people? They are crying before me and saying, ‘Give us meat, so we can eat.’ I can’t bear this people on my own. They’re too heavy for me. If you’re going to treat me like this, please kill me. If I’ve found favor in your eyes, then don’t let me endure this wretched situation.” The Lord said to Moses, “Gather before me seventy men from Israel’s elders, whom you know as elders and officers of the people. Take them to the meeting tent, and let them stand there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the Lord’s words. He assembled seventy men from the people’s elders and placed them around the tent. The Lord descended in a cloud, spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and placed it on the seventy elders. When the spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but only this once. Two men had remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the second named Medad, and the spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they hadn’t gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” Joshua, Nun’s son and Moses’ assistant since his youth,

responded, “My master Moses, stop them!” Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? If only all the Lord’s people were prophets with the Lord placing his spirit on them!”

L: This is the word of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM:

SCRIPTURE READING

JAMES 5:13-20

If any of you are suffering, they should pray. If any of you are happy, they should sing. If any of you are sick, they should call for the elders of the church, and the elders should pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. Prayer that comes from faith will heal the sick, for the Lord will restore them to health. And if they have sinned, they will be forgiven. For this reason, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve. Elijah was a person just like us. When he earnestly prayed that it wouldn’t rain, no rain fell for three and a half years. He prayed again, God sent rain, and the earth produced its fruit. My brothers and sisters, if any of you wander from the truth and someone turns back the wanderer, recognize that whoever brings a sinner back from the wrong path will save them from death and will bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“DON’T STOP. JUST DON’T.”

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

HYMN GTG #760

“BRING MANY NAMES”

CALL TO WORSHIP

We make our offering before God, not as payment for a grace we could never afford, but as an act of commitment and gratitude for the God who builds a new world in our midst, even now. We do not give out of guilt or pride. We give out of joy, trusting that God will use these gifts for the good of all people.

RESPOND IN GRACE

“THANK YOU LORD”

Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul,
Thank You, Lord, for making me whole;
Thank You, Lord, for giving to me
Thy great salvation so rich and free.

*** DOXOLOGY**

“¡GLORIA! ¡GLORIA!”

¡Gloria! ¡Gloria! a Jesús Salvador nuestro.
¡Canta, tierra! Canta su gran amor.
¡Gloria! ¡Gloria! Ángeles santos del cielo,
A su nombre den eternal loor.
Cuenta cómo él descendió del cielo
A nacer y en vida sufrir dolor.
¡Gloria! ¡Gloria! Ángeles santos del cielo
A su nombre den eternal loor.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept all that is offered in this place this day, O God. Accept our material commitments to build a more peaceable family on this earth and in our own communities. Accept our personal commitments to become a people who break cycles of hatred and retaliation, in both large-scale and everyday ways. Use these gifts, and use us messy people, for the rebuilding of a world of hope and healing in your name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God our creator,
Christ our friend,
Spirit our guide,

we spend so much time straining to hear your voice, picturing a booming baritone from the heavens startling us with words of power. But that is not how you often speak to us, is it?

You speak in the cry of a child who has lost her homeland.

You speak in the desperation of a mother who feels the thunder of bombings, and who finds it in herself to sing a song of calm to her children.

You speak in the terror of parents receiving alerts on their phones that their child’s school is on lockdown.

You speak in teachers putting their bodies on the line when they should never have to.

In all the heartbreaking moments of human history,

in the illness,

in the poverty,

in the racism,

in the bigotry,

in the injustice,
in the terrible cycles of violence, you are there.
You speak not as a booming voice, but in the quietness of tears falling on stunned cheeks.
You speak in the quiet resolve of not one more lost life.
You speak in the quiet everyday heroism of people who act for policies and protections against unfettered violence and weaponization.
You are still speaking in it all, just as you were speaking in the time of Esther and Vashti.
Speak to us all a word of building a new world,
where tears and violence and even death are no more.
Where life is for all people, not in a vague spiritual sense but a material life of enough and safety for all of your children.
Speak to our hardened hearts, O God. We will listen and act.
Hear these prayers from your people, God, as we pray the prayer our Savior taught us, **“Our Father....”**

***LORD’S PRAYER**

HYMN GTG #187

“PASS IT ON / LO DEBES COMPARTIR”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

We will not always get this human story right.

But – even in silence – God never abandons us.

We are a people made for delight, and joy, and justice.

We are called very good.

We will walk with integrity.

We will speak with courage.

Blessed by God, we will change this world – and ourselves – for the better.

In the name of God in community, Three-in-One, may it be so. Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

AMEN

POSTLUDE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



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where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and
children share in leadership; and where the strength
of our fellowship builds bridges to the community.”***

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024

In person hybrid worship is at 11AM back in the Fellowship Hall

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

One tap mobile

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Hybrid English Bible Study will be Thursdays at 11AM in the fellowship or feel free to join us through zoom.

Zoom Link bible study

By computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 376 838 854

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Spanish Bible Study will be on Wednesdays.

Coffee Hour following worship today.

Conversation about Holy Cow Assessment with consultant Michelle Snyder on Monday October 7, 2024 at 7PM via zoom. Please write it down on your calendars.

Next Session Meeting October 14th at 7PM

Next Worship Team Meeting October 22nd at 9:30AM

We will be collecting money for Care Packages for Bedford Women's Correctional Facility. The Last day for collection is October 27th and we will be assembling the packages on November 3rd at the Church. Each Care Package costs \$17 and we are looking to make 50. Please see Pastor Jeniffer for more information.

Please Share your tithes and offerings using the QR code below



Prayers and Praise

Please prayer for our Nation

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Pleaser pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Nancy Marin

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

Please pray for Warren's family

Please pray for Diana Behan and family.

Praise Songs and Hymns

LORD PREPARE ME / SANTUARIO

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Haz de mi Dios, hoy un santuario
Vivo; puro y santo,
Fiel a ti. Dando gracias,
seré por siempre tu santuario, hasta el fin

BRING MANY NAMES

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, gray with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

PASS IT ON / LO DEBES COMPARTIR

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love:
Once you've experienced it:
You spread his love to ev'ryone; You want to pass it on

Con una sola chrispa se enciende en fuego,
Y los de alrededor caliéntanse muy luego;
Así es el amor de Dios,
Esto al experimentar, Y este amor hay que esparcir:
Lo debes compartir.