

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 21, 2008

10:50 AM

Followers of Christ are sent to work in the vineyard. Will they respond or evade the call? If they say yes, then action is implied. Christ offers repentance to those who hold back, while those who say yes then fail to act are judged. Relationship with Christ demands that our actions match our intentions.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.

WELCOME/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Any prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.

Prelude Thy Holy Wings Swedish folk hymn/setting By John Carter

*Call to Worship

The Eternal One summons us from work to worship, from dull monotony to high adventure.

We are called to look beyond life's routines to their meaning and possibilities.

God satisfies us in the morning with steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

As we participate in the Spirit, our selfish conceits give way to unity.

The mind of Christ prompts humility within and kindly service to those who need us.

God is at work with us to accomplish Eternal purposes.

Then let us worship God with joy and praise, knowing our salvation is in Christ.

The turmoil of life's everyday fragmentation is calmed as we rediscover our wholeness. Amen.

*Invocation

*Processional Hymn Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken Page 731

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading Exodus 16:2-15 O.T. Page 62

A potential coup attempt against Moses and Aaron becomes the occasion for God to test the "whole gathered assembly" about their willingness to follow instructions. God provides quail for meat and "manna" for bread with specific instructions for its gathering and use.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God.

Act of Praise Thy Word Bob Friend, Soloist

Children's Message Pastor Charles

Children's Church (Children age 4 through 1st grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

Prayers of the People

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

*Hymn All Who Hunger TFWS 2126

*Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16 N. T. Page 21

Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard.

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Message Why Are We Going Nowhere? Rev. Charles Swadley

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer Unison

Let us pray: Put these gifts, and our time and talents, to work in your vineyard, Sovereign God. Grant to us the capacity to move beyond good intentions to give ourselves completely to the purposes of your realm. Amen.

Offertory Anthem Blessing, Glory, and Wisdom Bach

Doxology Page 95

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

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessings Page 671

*Commission and Blessing

Christ sends us back to our daily work with renewed inspiration and motivation.

We see fresh ways to improve the quality of life for ourselves and all companions on this earth.

We are moved by sympathy and affection to listen and respond more fully.

We do not need to protect false images but can be ourselves with other people.

The strength we find in being together goes with us as we part to serve.

We are committed anew to God's purposes and confident we have something to give.

The vineyards of life summon us with much that needs to be done.

We will go where God sends us and do the work God equips us to do. Amen.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Postlude Variations on "Duke Street" arr. C. Hall

***Please stand as you are able. Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. Please see an usher for assistance.**

Welcome! We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Herb and Annetha's wedding anniversary by the Manuel Family. The **Flowers** in the narthex are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dorothy Pellegrin for her birthday on September 24 by Ray, Kathie, Cindy and Cory. The **Lay Reader** is Hal Costley. The **Greeter** for this morning is Les Willis. **First Response Team:** Buddy and Sylvia Arbogast. The **Lay Speaker** for the Early Morning Service, Sunday, September 28, will be Butch Kelchner.

This morning, we welcome into our church family the following persons: Lynda Lee Waddill, 4940 Old Main Street, Rockets Landing, #303, Richmond, 23231, 804-878-1197, her shepherd is Terry Moncure; Sarah Willis, 2801 Laflin Place, Apt. 6, Richmond, 23228, 804-....., her shepherds are Mike and Anja Magner; James Simpson, 2801 Laflin Place, Apt. 6, Richmond, 23228, 804-....., his shepherds are Mike and Anja Magner; Paul Martin, 2800 Hilliard Road, #5, Richmond, 23228, 804-332-8535, his shepherd is Bob Friend.

We have had many needs for financial assistance this year. The Pastor's Discretionary funds are running low. Thank you for any support you feel called to offer.

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We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world

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