

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 11, 2009**

**10:50 AM**

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

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

**WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE/MEDITATION**

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

**Prelude** *Andantino* **Franck**

**\*Call to Worship**

God calls, "Where are you?" and we respond with guilty silences.

**God calls, and we are afraid; God is our dwelling place, and we try to move out.**

In Christ, God summons us back to full participation in life.

**It is hard to reorder our priorities to give God first place in our lives.**

There is good news here of Sabbath rest and resources to meet all life's troubles.

**We come to listen for God's active, living word, and open ourselves to the One who knows us best.**

**\*Processional Hymn** *Maker, In Whom We Live* **UMH Page 88**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Make Me a Servant* **TFWS Page 2176**

**PROCLAMATION**

**\*Old Testament Reading** *Job 23:1-9, 16-17* **N.T. Page 471**

Job tells his "friends" that he is earnestly seeking God, trusting that God will listen to his arguments that his suffering appears unjust; but that as much as he seeks, he finds God absent or at least non-responsive.

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

**Children's Message** **Jeannie Wermuth**

**Children's Church** (Children age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Lord, Speak to Me* **UMH Page 463**

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Mark 10:17-31* **N. T. Page 46**

An encounter between Jesus and a fairly wealthy man who has been faithful to the core principles of Torah toward other people seeks the secret of eternal life. Jesus tells him he need do only one more thing – sell all

he has, distribute the proceeds to the poor, and come follow him. He goes away disturbed by what he hears, and his disciples are left wondering how anyone can experience salvation if a person so clearly blessed by God (in their view) will not.

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**Message** *Can You Argue With God?* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

**RESPONSE**

**Offertory Prayer** **Unison**

Let us pray: **God of High Expectations, lift us from our limited views of faithfulness.**

**Free us from our dependence on things so we can move from living protectively to sharing without counting the cost. May we give, not for rewards, but in joyous thankfulness. Amen.**

**Offertory Anthem** *Celebration* **Saylor**

**\*Doxology** **Unison**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Repeat*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Repeat*

**\*Apostles Creed** **Page 881**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\* Hymn** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* **UMH Page 396**

**\*Commission and Blessing**

We cannot truly worship and not be changed; so we leave one another now to face new ventures.

**God has walked among us to reveal us to ourselves; God has spoken and acted to save us.**

Our lives have been opened to new possibilities and we have been challenged in unexpected ways.

**God's anger is as real as God's mercy, and we know we cannot avoid God's judgment.**

God promises eternal life as a gift, not as a status we can earn.

**With God all things are possible; we rejoice in the goodness of God.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**\*Postlude** *Give Thanks to God For My Redeemer* **Hultman**

**Hearing devices** are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. \*Please stand as you are able whenever you see this symbol. All **bold type** indicates congregational participation. As we worship, we are using the United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and The Faith We Sing (TFWS). We do ask that you turn off all electronic equipment, including cell phones, as a courtesy to others. Nursery care for infants-preschoolers is available at the 10:50AM Service, in the educational wing. 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. 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 honor of beloved family and friends by Bernie and Linda Pomfrey. The **Acolytes** are. The **Crucifer** is The **Lay Reader** is The **Lay Speaker** is John Wermuth. The **Greeters** are Robert and Mitzie Puffenbarger. The **Outside Greeter** is Ann Bryant. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis

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