

September 23, 2018
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Celebration Service

You are encouraged to use the time of music being played
in the Centering to quietly prepare yourself for worship.
We request that you silence your cell phone.

Centering for Worship Shout to the Lord D. Zschech. Arr. M. Hyzer

Welcome Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak
*Please refer to the announcements in the bulletin. Please take a moment to sign the
welcome card in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.*

Gathering Words

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Draw near to God,
and grow strong in God's presence.

**People: Seek God's wisdom,
and know joy as God draws near.**

Leader: Live as trees planted by living waters,
and Christ will give you peace.

**People: Rest in the shade of the Tree of Life,
and Christ will lead you home.**

Leader: Draw near to God,
and God will draw near to you.

***Praise Songs** Almighty Songbook #6
As the Deer Songbook #12

Children's Moments Blessing of the Backpacks and Planners
*(Children are invited to come forward and bring their offering for the plate. Following the
Baptism, children age Preschool through 3rd grade are dismissed to go with their teachers to
Sunday School)*

Lord's Prayer Red Hymnal #895
*(After the Lord's Prayer, children age Preschool through 3rd grade are dismissed to go with
their teachers to Sunday School)*

***Passing the Peace** *Please greet each other by saying "Peace be with you."*

***Song** Alleluia, Alleluia (*stanza 4*) Red Hymnal #162

Sharing the Faith

Prayer

Gospel Reading Mark 9:30-37 Pew Bible pg. 42 N.T.

Message Who's on First? Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak
*(After the message, children grades 4th and 5th are dismissed to sing with the Children's
Singing Troupe.)*

***Song** Just a Closer Walk with Thee Black Hymnal #2158

The Offering

Offertory Softly and Tenderly Mark Hayes

***Response** Honor and Praise Black Hymnal #2018

***Offertory Prayer**

***Song** Cry of My Heart Songbook #42

***Benediction**

***Carrying Out the Light**

***Going Forth** This Is Amazing Grace
Riddle, Farro and Wickham, Arr. John Cumberland

**Please stand if you are able*