

**September 23, 2018**  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
11 o'clock

You are encouraged to use the time of music being played in the Prelude to quietly center yourself for worship. We request that you silence your cell phone. You are encouraged to sit down during the Postlude and listen to the music in a time for reflection.

**Prelude** Blessed Assurance Lucy Ann Warriner

**Introit** Come, Worship the Lord Earlene Rentz

**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.

**\*Hymn of Praise** Lord, Speak to Me Red Hymnal #463

**Morning Prayer** *(in unison)*

**Source of wisdom and understanding, plant us by your streams of living water. Root us in the soil of your grace and compassion, so we reach out our hands to the needy. Nourish us in your righteousness, so our actions will reflect your presence. Place your wisdom and understanding within us, that we may be a precious blessing to those in need of your healing love. Amen.**

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 1 *(sing Response 2)* Red Hymnal p. 738

**Response** Gloria Patri Red Hymnal #71  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer** Red Hymnal #895

**Prayer Response** Spirit of the Living God Red Hymnal #393  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

**\*Passing the Peace** *Please greet others by saying "Peace be with you."*

**Ministry of Music** Beautiful Savior David Allen

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

**Sermon** Who's on First? Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak

**\*Hymn** Make Me a Captive, Lord Red Hymnal #421

**Presentation of the Offering**

**Offertory** Softly and Tenderly Mark Hayes

**\*Response** Doxology Red Hymnal #95

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn** Blessed Assurance Red Hymnal #369

**\*Benediction**

**Carrying Out the Light**

**Postlude** Let Us with a Gladsome Mind Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.  
*If you need to leave during the Postlude, please exit quietly as worship continues.*