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# Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

September 29, 2019

11:00am

16th Sunday After Pentecost

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Homecoming Sunday; H4W  
We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

**DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Welcome and Greeting**

*(Please complete Prayer Concerns)*

**Gathering Prayer:**

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

Peace, peace, peace.

- Satish Kumar

**Prelude:**

**Call to Worship:** *Based on Psalm 91*

We who live in the shelter of God's wings will shout, "Our God, we trust you!"

**When we trust in God protection, evil doesn't scare us.**

God always answers those who call on the Lord for help.

**When we are in trouble, we know God saves us and stays with us.**

**Come, let us worship God!**

**\*Morning Song of Praise:** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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*(Prayer Concerns Collected)*

**AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Psalm 91** *(said responsively)*

- 1 Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,
- 2 **"My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**
- 3 For God will deliver you from the snare of the hunter  
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 **God's pinions shall cover you;**  
**And under the God's wings you shall find refuge.**  
**God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**  
 5 You will not fear the terror by night, nor the arrow that flies by day,  
 6 **nor the plague that stalks in darkness,**  
**nor the sickness that lays wastes at noonday.**  
 14 Because you are bound to me in love, I will deliver you;  
 I will protect you, because you know my name.  
 15 **You shall call upon me, and I will answer you;**  
**I am with you in trouble;**  
**I will rescue you and bring you honor.**  
 16 **With long life I will satisfy you and show you my salvation.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all  
**And also with you.**

## **LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Lesson**

Luke 15:11-32

11 Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed

him. **21** Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' **22** But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23** And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; **24** for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

**25** "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. **26** He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. **27** He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' **28** Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. **29** But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. **30** But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' **31** Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. **32** But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

**Meditation:** "What It Takes to Go Home"

**The Rev. Leslie Latham**

### RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**\*Affirmation of Faith:**

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of Response:** "God of the Sparrow"

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**Invitation to the Offering:**

We brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of the world. Let us give both the gifts we have been given and our truest selves with glad and generous hearts.

**Offertory:****\*Praising God's Goodness – Doxology***From Rev. Mary Luti*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures here below**

**Whose grace abounds from sun to sun:**

**Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication:****Unison**

**God who gives life to all things, and richly provides us with everything, use these, our offerings, to take hold of, and show us, the life that really is. Amen.**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion****Hymn Before Communion: "Come to the Table"**

Come to the table of grace, come to the table of grace.

This is God's table, it's not yours or mine, come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace...

Come to the table of love...

Come to the table of hope...

Come to the table of joy...

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (see insert)****Sharing the Bread and Cup****\*Prayer after Communion****Unison**

**Gracious God, you set a joyful feast for your people – provisions for our journey of faith. Through your Holy Spirit, you walk with us, strengthen us and empower us. Grant that we, nourished here, might proclaim and praise your name everywhere. Amen.**

## ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

**\*Hymn of Sending:** "On Eagle's Wings"

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**\*Benediction:**

**\*Postlude:**

\* Those who are able, please stand

### WORSHIP AIDS:

**Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers. Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church**

**Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building. Deacon's Prayer Chain - To Activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.**

### New Prayer Concerns or Joys

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**Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:** DeSain & Fluellen Families and Brett.

**Continuing Prayers:** Scott Greenawalt; Pat & Bob Erisman; Kris Yettra; Judy Geerkin; Paul Card; Nadia; Doris Carlson; Bonnie Bringham; Marlene Tyrrell; Deal Kowsky; Bonnie Zimmer; Mary Jo; Shirley Hagle; Jackie; Denis Luzuriaga, Michael, Maras Family, and Katie.

**Prayers and caring for our homebound:** Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; Peggy Hess, and Sue Strasser.

*Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.*

*We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319*

**LITURGIST:** Alvin Marohn

**GREETER:** Yurek Family

**USHERS:** Team 2

**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

**REMINDER:** Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

**Address for Lucille Rowley:**

Blocher Homes

135 Evans Street - Room 226

Williamsville, NY 14221

(716) 634-3231

Lucille would welcome visits, phone calls or cards.

**Homecoming Sunday Potluck: TODAY at 12:15pm**

On our fifth Sundays, we like to do something different. On September 29, we'll celebrate Homecoming Sunday, a time to welcome (back) folks who have been part of our community for a long time, a little time, "haven't been here in a while but it's my home" time, "I've been meaning to stop back" time. We'll gather for a potluck dinner. If the weather's amenable, we hope we can worship in the courtyard one more time! So bring your favorite homey dish to share, your place settings, your friends and family, and let's celebrate Homecoming in God's Kingdom. See you there!

**"Octoberfest Sale" and Luncheon: Wednesday, October 2**

Circle II Women's Group will hold their "Octoberfest Sale" and luncheon from 10am-1pm. Lunch will be served from 11am-12:30pm featuring ham noodle casserole, fresh baked pie, and a beverage for a cost of \$6.00. Come and shop the Mini-Boutique, Thrift Shop, and Plant Place and relax and have a delicious lunch. Proceeds to benefit local charities. Take-out is available for \$6.50.

**Sub Sandwich Luncheon: Sunday, October 6 at 12:15pm**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 6 right after worship. The Deacons are sponsoring a freewill Sub Sandwich luncheon. Bring a can of tomato soup or chicken noodle soup or a box of macaroni and cheese for donation to the Tonawanda Schools Holiday Party. Monetary donations are also welcome. Sign-up is in the Narthex.

**Marriage of Pastor Leslie Latham and Mike Donovan: Friday, October 11 at 4pm**

You are all invited to witness and celebrate the Service of Marriage of Pastor Leslie and Mike Donovan on Friday, October 11 at 4pm in our sanctuary. A reception will be held on Sunday, October 13 right after worship in the parlor.

**Duffield Youth Conference - Friday October 11 – Sunday, October 13**

A Youth Conference is being held at Duffield Camp and Conference Center in Delavan for grades 6-12. See Billy Welch for details.

**Memory Lane Respite Program: Tuesday, October 15**

The Memory Lane Respite Program will be held on October 15 from 10:30am-2:30pm. There are many opportunities for you to help in volunteering and no monthly commitment. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, stop by on October 15 and see what the program is all about or contact Mike Donovan; we can always use more volunteers.

**Service of Healing and Blessing: Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30pm**

A service devoted to healing and wholeness is held the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm. This is a "come as you are" service, is open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness for their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join Elder Laura Marohn in the sanctuary.

### Hunger Sunday – October 20

Don't forget that the third Sunday of the month is Hunger Sunday. Food and cash donations are welcome and proceeds are donated to the Twin Cities Community Outreach. Drop off box is in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

### Adult Bible Study Class: Sunday, October 27 at 12:15pm

The Bible Study Class will now be held right after worship on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15pm. The next class will be on October 27 at 12:15pm. Feel free to bring a lunch or something to snack on. Any questions, contact Nancy Bassett.

October 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Deacons 1p	<b>2</b> "Octoberfest Sale" 10:00a-1:30p	<b>3</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p Worship Team 6p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	<b>4</b> UFO 7p	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Sunday School 9:30a  Worship/Communion 11a Sub Sandwich Lunch 12:15p	<b>7</b> AA 9a  TOPS 6:30p	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Circle II 9a	<b>10</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	<b>11</b> Latham-Donovan Wedding 4p  UFO 7p	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Sunday School 9:30a  Worship 11a Reception for Pastor Leslie & Mike-12:15p	<b>14</b> Office Closed AA 9a  TOPS 6:30p	<b>15</b> Memory Lane 10:30am-2:30pm	<b>16</b> Circle II 9a  Healing Service 6:30p	<b>17</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	<b>18</b> UFO 7p	<b>19</b>
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