



July 30, 2023
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Various Melodies

Ricky Francese

WELCOME

Rev. Michael Droege

PSALTER

Liturgist, Nancy Scott

Happy are those who walk in the ways of the Lord! The Lord blesses those who rely on help from God. For when we ask, the Lord shall provide.

OPENING PRAYER

You keep your covenant, Patient God, especially when we fail. Throughout the generations you have maintained the everlasting promise that you made those early followers of your Truth. You include us in this inheritance, and we are truly blessed. You have given us so much. Today, let us give back to you as your presence guides us in this time where we praise you. In Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Victory Chant

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PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Keeping the light on, light on ain't easy
Keeping the fight on for so long is hard to do
For All the times you feel the weight
There might just be a better way
Don't deny that it feels so hard
When the night gets so dark
Keeping the light on, Keeping the light on, Keeping the light on

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Bob Balcerski • Joe Higgins • Linda Basilio’s mom

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
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#66

To God be the Glory

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DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

SERMON

Anchor to the Unknown

Rev. Michael Droege

ANTHEM

Send Me

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Wherever You go I go, I'll follow
Anywhere You lead me
Yes, I'll go
Wherever You send me
Wherever You go I go, I'll follow
Anywhere You lead me
Yes, I'll go
Wherever You send me.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Various Melodies

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