



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 16, 2018 at 10:30am

Prelude	<i>Adagio</i>	Antonio Vivaldi
Entrance	<i>Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said</i>	Hymnal 675
Offertory Anthem	<i>Simple Gifts</i>	arr. David L. Brunner
	<i>'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be. And when we find ourselves in the place just right, "Twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight, 'till by turning, turning we come round right.</i>	
Communion Hymns	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom</i>	LEVAS 136 see back of bulletin
Exit	<i>Oh Love, how deep, how broad, how high</i>	Hymnal 448
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	Giuseppe Torelli

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom shouts in the street; in the public square she raises her voice. Above the noisy crowd, she calls out. At the entrances of the city gates, she has her say: "How long will you clueless people love your naïveté, mockers hold their mocking dear, and fools hate knowledge? You should respond when I correct you. Look, I'll pour out my spirit on you. I'll reveal my words to you. I invited you, but you rejected me; I stretched out my hand to you, but you paid no attention. You ignored all my advice, and you didn't want me to correct you. So I'll laugh at your disaster; I'll make fun of you when dread comes over you, when terror hits you like a hurricane, and your disaster comes in like a tornado, when distress and oppression overcome you. Then they will call me, but I won't answer; they will seek me, but won't find me because they hated knowledge and didn't choose the fear of the Lord. They

didn't want my advice; they rejected all my corrections. They will eat from the fruit of their way, and they'll be full of their own schemes. The immature will die because they turn away; smugness will destroy fools. Those who obey me will dwell securely, untroubled by the dread of harm."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 *sing the refrain after the choir, and where indicated.*



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The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes. **Refrain.**

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb. **Refrain.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends?
cleans me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **Refrain.**

2nd Lesson

James 3:1-12

My brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers, because we know that we teachers will be judged more strictly. We all make mistakes often, but those who don't make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity. Like a bridled horse, they can control themselves entirely. When we bridle horses and put bits in their mouths to lead them wherever we want, we can control their whole bodies. Consider ships: They are so large that strong winds are needed to drive them. But pilots direct their ships wherever they want with a little rudder. In the same way, even though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts wildly. Think about this: A small flame can set a whole forest on fire. The tongue is a small flame of fire, a world of evil at work in us. It contaminates our entire lives. Because of it, the circle of life is set on fire. The tongue itself is set on fire by the flames of hell. People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness. Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way! Both fresh water and salt water don't come from the same spring, do they? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives? Can a grapevine produce figs? Of course not, and fresh water doesn't flow from a saltwater spring either.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *please stand*
8:27-38

Mark

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They told him, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets." He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts." After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow

me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Worship Leaders

Celebrant	The Rev. Mike Angell
Preacher	The Rev. Melanie Mullen
Deacon	The Rev. Chester Hines
Crucifer & Chalice	Joe Adams
Lectors	Alisa Williams, Elizabeth Hines
Intercessor	Ellis Anderson
Chalice	Elizabeth Hines
Acolytes	Chloe Olliff, Amanda Willingham
Greeters/Ushers	Paul Mensah, David Motherwell
Children's Chapel Leader	Heidi Olliff
Altar Guild	Jean Parker, John Bell

Announcements

Adult Forum: On September 23, The Rev. Marc Smith will inaugurate an Adult Forum series of conversations on the response of faith communities to violence in its many different forms. The first discussion will focus on violence in Scripture and will be held at 9:15 AM in Mitchell Parish Hall.

FaithQuest: We meet for youth group in Mitchell Hall from 5:30pm to 7:30pm the first and third Sunday of each month. See you there!

Concert Across America: Join us at the 10:30 service on September 23rd for the Concert Across America. This is a virtual concert in which communities across the country raise their voices as a protest against gun violence and to support more comprehensive gun control measures. One of the songs we'll sing is a charity single by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Ben Platt called "Found/Tonight," a mash-up of two Broadway hits, "You Will Be Found" from *Dear Evan Hansen* and "The Story of Tonight" from *Hamilton*.

Laundry Love – Tuesday, September 18: (6:30pm) Our volunteers take over Classic Coin Laundry (7200 Balson Ave., U City) If you'd like to volunteer, please come at 6:00pm for volunteer orientation. Read more and sign up at www.holycommunion.net.

St. Francis Sunday – September 30: 10:30am in the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, we'll give thanks for the animals in our care and pray to be faithful stewards of God's creation.