

Order of Worship
September 23, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Safely through Another Week" (verse 3) insert

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 1:1-3)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

People: Happy are those who delight in the law of the LORD, and who meditate on his law, day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,

People: Their leaves do not wither, even in the hottest sun. In all that they do, they prosper.

*Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" # 555

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Gracious God, you know our sin: we have often wasted the gifts you have given us; we have often failed to forgive as we have been forgiven; and we have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things while expecting you to trust us with the great things. (Pause for a moment of personal confession.) Forgive us, O Lord. Make us faithful stewards of all things and generous in helping and forgiving others. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Confession Response: "**Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**" # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: James 3:13-4:3 & 7-8a

Sermon: "Wisdom from Above"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" # 341

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: "I Am Thine O Lord" insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: "Amen"