

# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas  
Facebook Live Stream Worship  
August 2, 2020

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Let us sing to the God of Hosts

**People: Who provides for us, and whom we worship in this place.**

Leader: How awesome is our God

**People: Who created from nothing all that is beautiful in this world;**

Leader: Who anticipates our every need;

**People: Who loves us beyond measure.**

Leader: O God, our God; give heed to our presence.

**People: Hear our voices lifted up to you in praise.**

### OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair. When we are bowed down, you raise us anew. We turn to you now in search of your healing touch. God of compassion and love, move among us this hour. Open our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-32

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE:** Learning from Loneliness

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**TIME OF SILENCE**

**OUR 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.**

**CLOSING WORDS**

**BENEDICTION (Unison)**

**May the presence of God the Creator give us strength;  
May the presence of God the Redeemer give us peace;  
May the presence of God the Sustainer give us comfort.  
May the presence of God the sanctifier give us love.  
May we go now in peace. May we be led out in joy.**

**Amen**

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**Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.**