

Liturgy for Word and Sacrament

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 8th, 2017

Centering Ourselves

Improvisation On Today's Hymns - Joel

Gary

Welcome and News of Our Life Together

Pastor will welcome worshipers

Announcements –

Passing the peace

Congregation is invited as they are willing and able to greet each other with the peace of Christ.

Singing Together - “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer” #18

Call to Worship :

L: God is faithful, giving us all that we need

C: What more could we desire.

L: Behold the living bread that comes down from heaven.

C: Whoever eats the bread of life will live forever.

L: Let us partake of the Word and be filled!

C: Whoever eats the bread of life will live forever.

All: Amen

St John's Story – Dan Busman

Anthem – O When I Sing the Songs of God – John Carter

Morning Text: Exodus 16:1-18

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the Lord

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gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’”¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said,¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground.¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.¹⁶ This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.’”¹⁷ The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less.¹⁸ But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

Children’s Circle

Sermon: Gathering Enough

Singing together - “God, Speak To Me, That I May Speak” #531

Praying together: *The pastor will request the congregation share its joys and concerns*

...we ask all these things in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray.

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Honoring Our Covenants:

Leader: When the Israelites found the manna in the desert that first time, they gathered it up to eat for the day. Some gathered more and some less, but when it was measured out, each had just the right amount. As we ponder our gifts, let us give just the right amount, so that our community can continue to do God's work today and always.

Ushers will come forward to receive the offering

Offertory: Cantilène from *Three Pieces*—Gabriel Pierné

Ushers will bring the offering plates forward during the singing of the doxology

Bringing forward our gifts: Doxology

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer: God, it is your will to continually shower us with blessings. Take of our plenty and supply the needs of those who have very little, joining us with them in one family of humanity. Bless these gifts to your good purpose.
Amen.

Singing together: “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken” #307

Benediction:

Let the God who watched over the people in the desert of ancient times
Jesus, who watched over the disciples not so long ago
and the Holy Spirit, who watches over us now and always
be with us today and always.

Postlude: March from Symphony #3 – Camille Saint-Seans