July 25, 2021
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Mission:
To embody God’s love for all by living an active faith in service to others.

We Gather to Affirm God’s Presence in Our Lives

May the God we sing to, pray to, and speak to throughout the day bless you and keep you safe.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: The Spirit of God fills the whole world.
Unison: The Spirit of God moves over the deep.
Leader: The spirit of God warms our hearts.
Unison: The Spirit of God fills all things.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION
Unison: Almighty and merciful God, You created and are creating still. In Your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises, and our unrepentant hours. Forgive us, O Holy One. We confess that we have squandered the gifts You have given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more than people. Forgive us, O Holy One. Cleanse us from the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts, and make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN

Colorful Creator verses 1-3

NCH 30

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

A READING

Working Smarter, not Harder

Jennifer Brownell

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 29

Ascribe to God, O heavenly beings, a
ascribe to God the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to God the glory of God’s name;
worship God in holy splendor.

3 The voice of God is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
God, over mighty waters.

4 The voice of God is powerful;
the voice of God is full of majesty.

5 The voice of God breaks the cedars;
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of God flashes forth flames of fire.

8 The voice of God shakes the wilderness;
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of God causes the oaks to whirl, b
and strips the forest bare;
and in the temple all say, “Glory!”

10 God sits enthroned over the flood;
God sits enthroned as ruler forever.

11 May God give strength to the people!
May God bless the people with peace!
New Century Psalter
(Sirion is the name given to Mt Horeb by the Phoenicians, Kadesh an encampment in the wilderness of Zin during the 40 years of wandering)

Mark 4: 35-41

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” 36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” 39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40 He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

New Revised Standard Version

PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(in unison) 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 Surely No One Can Be Safer NCH 487

SERMON What do you choose to see?

HYMN Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love verses 1-3 NCH 498

BENEDICTION

PRAYER
(in unison) May the strength of God guide us, the power of God preserve us, the wisdom of God instruct us, the Spirit of God be within us, this day and forevermore.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY
Ministers: All of Us
Pastor: Alan McNamara
Organist: Brian Kowalski
Singers: Ashley Kelly, Grace Klonoski, and Olivia Klonoski
Liturgist: Ginny Omerod
Video: Colleen Bredesen
Audio: Tom Spielman
Sexton: Tom Spielman

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Colorful Creator

Ruth Duck, 1992

1 Colorful Creator, God of mystery,
2 Harmony of ages, God of listening ear,
3 Author of our journey, God of near and far,
4 God of truth and beauty, Poet of the Word,

thank you for the artist teaching us to see glimpses of the
thank you for composers tuning us to hear echoes of the
praise for tale and drama telling who we are, stripping to the
may we be creators by the Spirit stirred, open to your

meaning of the commonplace, visions of the
Gospel in the songs we sing, sounds of love and
essence struggles of our day, times of change and
presence in our joy and strife, vessels of the

holiness in each human face,
longing from the deepest spring,
conflict when we choose our way,
holiness coursing through our life.
Surely No One Can Be Safer

Lina Sandell, 1855
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

Rom. 8:38-39

1 Surely no one can be safer than God's children, held in favor,
2 With the flock God is abiding, heaven's plenty all providing,
3 None shall ever meet rejection, be denied God's own protection;
4 Whether taking, whether giving, God alone remains forgiving,

Not the stars so brightly burning, not the birds to nests returning.
Rich in mercy, never sparing, like a father, gently caring.
Has there been a friend who better knows our hopes, our fears that fetter?
And with one true purpose holy to preserve our welfare solely.
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

John 13:1-20; Gal. 5:13-14

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneel at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet, Jesu, you acted as servant to them.
2. Neighbors are rich and poor, race, neighbors are near and far away.
3. These are the ones we should serve, love; all these are neighbors to us and you.
4. Loving puts us on our knees, deeds, serving the neighbors we have from you.
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, feet, this is the way we should live with you.