

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am

October 8, 2017

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 461 ***God Is Here!***

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Expressing Our Joy

Reece H. Smith

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve;

People: ***We choose the living God.***

Leader: The road is narrow that leads to life;

People: ***We will walk the way of Christ.***

Leader: Faith is not our holding on;

People: ***Faith is letting go.***

Leader: We offer you more than words, God;

People: ***We offer you our lives.***

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Amazing God, we are bewildered by our continuing inability to make sense out of life. Our visions and dreams far outpace reality, and your expectations for us are seldom realized. We do not do the good we intend, and the evil we thought we had left behind comes back to haunt us. In our relationships with others, we seem unable to find a common language that unites us, and resist including everyone in our concerns. Forgive our sluggish response to you and our resistance to change. Purify and enliven us by your Spirit at work within and among us.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

A Moment with the Children

(Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may leave the sanctuary for a period of supervised activity.)

*Hymn 392 ***Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord***

HALL

Joshua 24:14-15 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 206 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem ***Peace I Leave With You***

Jeffrey Blersch

Matthew 19:16-23 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 20 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon ***Choosing Well!***

The Rev. Vance Polley

*The Apostles' Creed (page 14, *Traditional*) and ***Gloria Patri*** (No. 579)

Ministry of Prayer

The Bringing of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

(During the offertory please sign the fellowship pad as it is passed and return it to the center aisle in order that we may get to know one another.)

*At the Presentation ***Doxology*** (No. 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication, concluding with the *The 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.

*Hymn 442 ***The Church's One Foundation***

AURELIA

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction ***Irish Blessing***

*Going Out into the World

*All those that are able, please stand.