



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NEWPORT-MT. OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 29, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING & PRAISE

PRELUDE

Jean Williams & Connie Sublett

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Hogg

* INTROIT

I Love You, Lord

TFWS 2068

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

All: Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!

One: Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.

All: We come with songs of praise; with prayers too deep for words.

One: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

All: Blessed be the Lord!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

* PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: Let us pray:

**All: Christ Jesus, we come into your presence
from many places along faith's journey.**

We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude.

We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering.

As you welcome us into your house,

lift our burdens and receive our praise.

Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy.

Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another

and be strengthened to go forth in service to your world.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

pg. 45, New Testament, Pew Bible

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word:

All: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

(from Romans 5:8 and Psalm 145:13-14)

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face.

We ignore the needs of the poor and turn away from our own kin.

We allow the gospel to go stale, and hide the light you have given.

Forgive us; give us grace.

By the renewing gifts of your Spirit,

inspire and empower us again

to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(moment of silent confession)

One: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

WELCOMING MUSIC

Where Children Belong

TFWS 2233

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SUNG RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

UMH 191 (v. 1)

MESSAGE

The Salt Life

Pastor Fleischer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROFESSING OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* Jackie Livesay

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN OF DEDICATION *Rescue the Perishing* UMH 591

* COMMISSION & BENECTION

* SUNG DISMISSAL *Shalom to You* UMH 666

* POSTLUDE Jean Williams & Connie Sublett

* Indicates congregation standing (if able)
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS = The Faith We Sing

Jesus calls us to show this truth forth, live this truth forth. Be the light of the world, he says. Where there are dark places, be the light especially there. Be the salt of the earth. Bring out the true flavor of what it is to be alive truly. Be truly alive. Be life-givers to others. That is what Jesus tells the disciples to be. That is what Jesus tells his church, tells us, to be and do. Love each other. Heal the sick, he says. Raise the dead. Cleanse lepers. Cast out demons. That is what loving each other means. If the church is doing things like that, then it is being what Jesus told it to be. If it is not doing things like that—no matter how many other good and useful things it may be doing instead—then it is not being what Jesus told it to be. It is as simple as that.

—Frederick Buechner

