

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020 10:30 a.m.



Watch our Chapel Service on CHANNEL 102

Order of Worship

The Bells of Taizé

Taizé
Music of Unity & Peace

Give Thanks for Saints

ELW 428

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
When all around seems bleak:
On God's good promise they rely,
So while they live and when they die
How forcefully they speak—
The strong, who once were weak.

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
Beyond mere mortal sight:
Who seek the city God has planned
The true, eternal promised land,
And steer on toward that light,
A beacon ever bright.

Give thanks for those whose love is pure,
A sparkling precious stone:
They show by what they say and do
An inward beauty warm and true,
For God's concerns they own—
God's love through them is known.

Give thanks for saints of ages past
And saints alive today:
Though often by this world despised,
Their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say
We share their pilgrim way.

Greeting & Response

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Saint Francis

Christiana Adams

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my light tow'r,
Raise thou me heav'n ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer of Confession

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may love and serve you, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and

it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of the Day

Attributed to Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

Sermon

Pr. Kristine

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

LBW 453

If you but trust in God to guide you
And place your confidence in him,
You'll find him always there beside you,
To give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
Build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping,
 In helpless anger and distress?
 If you are in his care and keeping,
 In sorrow will he love you less?
 For he who took for you a cross
 Will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

In patient trust await his leisure
 In cheerful hope, with heart content
 To take whate'er your Father's pleasure
 And all discerning love have sent;
 Doubt not your inmost wants are known
 To him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
 Offer your service faithfully,
 And trust his word; though undeserving,
 You'll find his promise true to be.
 God never will forsake in need
 The soul that trusts in him indeed.

Text: Georg Neumark; tr. Composite, alt.; **Music:** Georg Neumark

Prayers of the Church

Saint Francis

Offering/Offertory *Accept, O Lord,
 the Gifts We Bring*

ELW 691

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
 To place upon your table.
 We do not worship as we ought
 But only as we're able.

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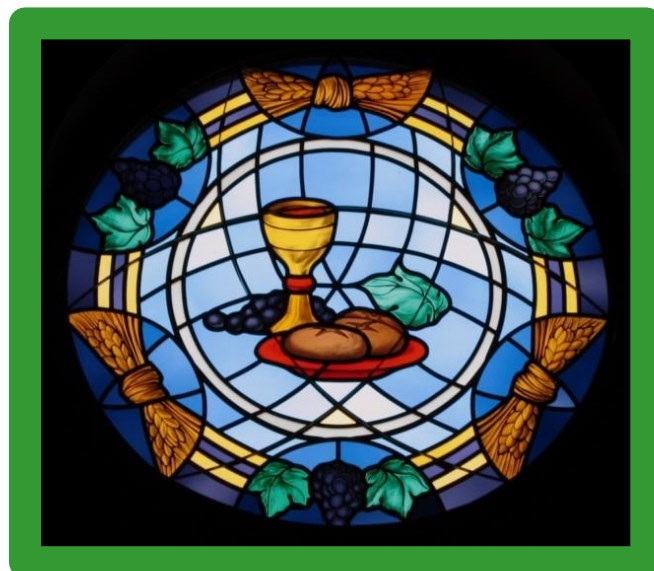
The vines were planted, seeds were sown.
They grew in your good pleasure.
What once was common, daily food
Becomes a holy treasure.

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
We lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
As humbly we adore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer; **Music:** English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set your table in the midst of a suffering world, through the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Come to the banquet table
Where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

The Meal

Jesus Loves Me

ELW 595

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

**Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let his little child come in. **Refrain:**

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Jesus loves me! He will stay
 Close beside me all the way;
 When at last I come to die
 He will take me home on high. **Refrain:**

Text: Anna B. Warner **Music:** William B. Bradbury

Post-Communion Prayer

O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious:
 We give you thanks for binding us together in these holy
 mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
 Grant that by your Holy Spirit we may become one in heart
 and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and receive those eternal
 joys prepared for all who love you and all whom you love;
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Beauty of the Earth

LBW 561

For the beauty of the earth,
 For the beauty of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth
 Over and around us lies:

Refrain:

**Christ our Lord, to you we raise
 This our sacrifice of praise.**

For the wonder of each hour
 Of the day and of the night,
 Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
 Sun and moon and stars of light: **Refrain:**

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild: **Refrain:**

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight: **Refrain:**

For yourself, best gift divine
To the world so freely giv'n;
Agent of God's grand design,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: **Refrain:**

Text: Folliot Pierpoint; **Music:** Conrad Kocher



Thank you and Announcements

**We extend our deepest gratitude to
All Saints Episcopal Church
for their hospitality and assistance in
bringing worship services to our
NRC community.**

The worship bulletin for
October 11
will be published on the NRC website

[https://northfieldretirement.org/chapel-
services](https://northfieldretirement.org/chapel-services)

on Thursday, October 8.

Blessing & Dismissal

Jesus says, *I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Postlude

*All Creatures of
Our God and King*

Marilyn Jacobson



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