

September 27, 2015 — Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude *An Wasserflüssen Babylon*, BWV 653 J.S. Bach
Dr. John Allegar, organ (1685-1750)

Introit *Rejoice in the Lord Always* (The Bell Anthem) Z.49 H. Purcell
Sanctuary Choir (1659-1695)
Dr. Michele Louer, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

-Philippians 4:4,6,7

* **Call to Worship** (from Psalm 100) Rev. Joyce E. Hunn (9:30)
Lake Fellow Chelsea G. Benham (11:00)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: We are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: **For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

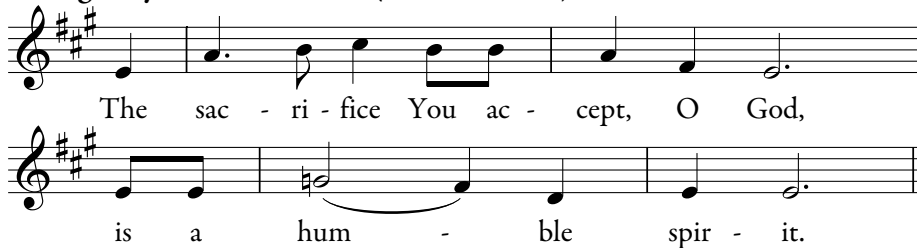
* **Prayer of Adoration**

*+ **Processional Hymn #464** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Sung Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 51)



The sac - ri - fice You ac - cept, O God,
is a hum - ble spir - it.

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* Those who are able may stand. + Latecomers may be seated.



Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us in worship this morning. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out one of the "welcome" cards in the pew rack so we may greet you and respond to any questions you might have.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES TODAY

9:30 - Kate Rogers, Alexandra Gooden

11:00 - Sophia Warhurst, Andrew Wilson

CARRYING IN THE ELEMENTS TODAY

Baptismal Water: Cindy Hamlin

Bread & Wine:

9:30 - Tom, Libby and William Edwards

11:00 - Bob and Kay Mace

HYMN #464

The hymn writer Henry Van Dyke embraced God's rich and abundant love in one of the most popular hymns of the twentieth-century, **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**. Drawing on images from nature, all creation is united in this profound hymn of praise.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

HYMN #272

God of the Sparrow contains a profound theological statement in disarmingly simple words and tune. The hymn presents images drawn from well known Biblical events, prophecies and parables. Each verse ends by asking a question meant to provoke answers from the singing congregation. Originally subtitled *Thankful to Serve*, the hymn asks why and how God's creatures and children are to serve their creator.

PARENTS: TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Following the Time with Children, children may depart for Child Care or Choir School. If you have not checked your child in at a welcome center, please fill out a name tag (in pew racks) before sending your child forward for the Time with Children. Place half on your child's back and bring the other half when you pick up your child.

Infants, Room 240
Toddlers and Twos, Room 233
Chapel for Threes, Room 208
Cherub Choir (age 4-K), Room 312
Choristers (Grades 1-2), Room 112
Carol Choir (Grades 3-5), Choir Auditorium



News Within the Church Family

Welcome:

Katherine Scott Trumbull, daughter of Benjamin and Kate Trumbull
Birth: September 6, 2015

Emery Brooke Wakefield, daughter of Josh and Kasey Wakefield
Birth: February 8, 2015

Hospitalized:

Tyler Cummings, Norma Hoffman,
Shirley Kelly, Joan Young

Assurance of Pardon

* **Response of Praise** *The Gloria Patri* (See sidebar)

* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*+Hymn #272 *God of the Sparrow* ROEDER

Ritual of Friendship and the Concerns of the Church Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

Minute for Mission Melynne Klaus Stewardship

We Experience God's Word

Time with the Children (11:00)

Prayer of Illumination Deacon Dorian Crismon (9:30)
Elder Steve Steffel (11:00)

First Lesson Ezra 6:19-22 (p. 419)

Anthem *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

Revelation 22 adapted

Second Lesson Philippians 4:4-9 (p. 1071)

Response

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Sermon

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

“The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy”

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

(PHILIPPIANS 4:4)

We Give Thanks to God

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Karen L. Lang

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) (See sidebar)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 16)

Offertory *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. Douglas Wagner
Handbell Ensemble (b. 1952)
Rebecca Holt, director

* **Doxology and the Prayer of Thanksgiving** (See sidebar)

We Go Forth to Serve

* **Closing Hymn #145** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* MARION

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Benediction Response** *We Go in Joy* Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

* **Postlude** *Sortie Breve* Gerald Bales (1919-2002)

FALL SERMON SERIES

See p. 2 of this bulletin for complete listing of Scripture texts for the series on “Everyday Disciples Bear the Fruit of the Spirit.”

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN #145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart was written by Anglican clergyman Edward Plumpton as a processional hymn for the annual choral festival at Peterborough Cathedral. Of its original eleven stanzas, we sing four. The opening stanza and refrain call to mind the New Testament hymn recorded in Philippians 4:4: “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand. . .”

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015:

Fred and Natalie Battisti with baby,
Fred Anthony;
Teddy and Lindsay Hammond;
Charlie and Katie Maiers with children,
Sebastian and Stella;
Brian and Amanda Stewart with children,
Maggie, Gus and Sloan.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND WHOLENESS
10:35 a.m. in Milner Chapel
Rev. Robert L. Hunter