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WELCOME – NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

God Himself Is Present | Christian Worship 224, st. 1, 3

**God himself is present -- Let us now adore him And with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple -- All within keep silence, Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone On his throne Is our God and Savior; Praise his name forever!**

**Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit, Trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before you, May I ceaselessly adore you.
Let your will Ever still Rule your church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ † and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: (♪) **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (♪) Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:24-31

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead." (NIV ®)

PSALM 133

M: **How good and pleasant it is**
C: **when God's people live together in unity!**

M: **It is like precious oil poured on the head,**
C: **running down on the beard,**

M: **running down on Aaron's beard,**
C: **down on the collar of his robe.**

M: **It is as if the dew of Hermon**
C: **were falling on Mount Zion.**

M: **For there the Lord bestows his blessing,**
C: **even life forevermore.**

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has

come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. (NIV ®)

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 13:34

Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.

C: (♪) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THIRD LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-6

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. (NIV ®)

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: (♪) Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace | Christian Worship 521

**Lord of all nations, grant me grace To love all people, ev'ry race,
And in each person help me view My kindred, loved, redeemed by you.**

**Break down the wall that would divide Your children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbors' good let me pursue; Bind them to me and all to you.**

**Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do Will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.**

**Give me your courage, Lord, to speak Whenever strong oppress the weak.
And should I be a victim, too, Help me forgive, rememb'ring you.**

**With your own love may I be filled And by your Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, whate'er I do, May be divinely touched by you.**

SERMON

2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Love All People As Jesus Does!

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

O Master of the Loving Heart | Christian Worship 491

O Master of the loving heart, The friend of all in need,
We pray that we may be like you In thought and word and deed.

Your days were full of kindly acts; Your speech was true and plain;
Of those who ever sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.

Your face was warm with sympathy; Your hand God's strength revealed;
Who saw your face or felt your touch Were comforted and healed.

Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So joyous, free and true,
That all your children, ev'rywhere, Be drawn by us to you.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (♪) Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-27

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: (♪) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Refrain

How good it is and how pleasant to live in unity and peace.
How good it is and how pleasant to live together in one Lord.

1 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, agree in ev'rything you say.
May there be no divisions among you, but be united in one mind.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

Refrain

2 Live a life that is worthy of your call; be humble, gentle, and patient.
Bear with each other in ways that are loving; preserve the unity of faith.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

Refrain

3 Share the love that has joined us as one; unite in spirit and ideals.
Never be rivals; do not be conceited, but look to others in their need.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

Refrain

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