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# Sunday Worship

September 29, 2013 – 10:00 AM

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## The Word of God

**Welcome & Quiet Time** (↑ indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

#### ↑Gathering Song #1: How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice. How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End. The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

#### ↑Gathering Song #2: To You

Here I stand, forever in Your mighty hand, living with Your promise written on my heart.

I am Yours, surrendered wholly to You. You set me in Your family, calling me Your own.

Now I, I belong to You, all I need Your Spirit, Your Word, Your truth. Hear my cry, my deep desire to know You more. In Your name I will lift my hands to the King, this anthem of praise I bring. Heaven knows I long to love You with all I am. I belong to You.

*(Repeat from beginning)*

↑*All:* O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of our grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated) **A Reading from Timothy**

(6:6-19)

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

↑**Gradual Song: It Is Well With My Soul**

When Peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

*(Chorus:)* It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, let this blest assurance control; That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul. *(Chorus)*

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so" it is well with my soul. *(Chorus)*

↑**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke**

(16:19-31)

**All:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted

here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Christ.

### **Message** (please be seated)

↑**Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### ↑ Prayers of the People: Form VI

**Leader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

**All:** For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

**Leader:** For this community, the nation, and the world;

**All:** For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

**Leader:** For the just and proper use of your creation;

**All:** For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

**Leader:** For all who serve in our country's military. Defend and strengthen them with courage to deal with the perils they face.

**All:** For all veterans who helped keep our country free.

**Leader:** For the just and proper use of your creation;

**All:** For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

**Leader:** For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**All:** For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

**Leader:** For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**All:** **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

**Leader:** For Kathryn, our Presiding Bishop, and Shannon, Susan and Ted, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; for all who serve God in his Church; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *[Please feel free to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.]* Hear us, Lord;

**All:** **For your mercy is great.**

**Leader:** For the Acme Stove and Fireplace Center that their business would prosper and the value of customers' homes would increase.

**All:** **That our homes would be filled with the fire of God.**

**Leader:** For schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students; for cooperation between Superintendents and Administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

**All:** **That our community would be filled with the presence of God.**

**Leader:** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *[Please feel free to add your own thanksgivings.]* We will exalt you, O God our King;

**All:** **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

**Leader:** We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *[Please feel free to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.]* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**All:** **Who put their trust in You.**

**Leader:** We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All:** **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Priest:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

↑Exchange of Peace

**Priest:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory

↑ *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.

## ↑Eucharistic Prayer A

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Priest:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All (Sung):** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Priest:** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People:** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**Priest:** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Priest:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

### **Communion Song I Will Run To You**

Your eye is on the sparrow and Your hand, it comforts me. From the ends of the earth to the depths of my heart, let Your mercy and strength be seen. You call me to Your purpose as angels understand. For Your glory, may You draw all men as Your love and grace demands.

*(Chorus:)* And I will run to you to Your words of truth not by might, not by power, but by the Spirit of God. Yes, I will run the race till I see Your Face. Oh, let me live in the glory of Your Grace.

You call me to Your purpose as angels understand. For Your glory, may You draw all men as Your love and grace demands. *(Chorus)*

Oh, let me live in the glory. Oh, let me live in the glory. Oh, let me live in the glory of Your Grace.

**↑Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek 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.

### **↑Blessing**

#### **↑Song of Dismissal: I Will Follow**

Where you go, I'll go; Where you stay, I'll stay; When you move, I'll move; I will follow.

All your ways are good; All your ways are sure; I will trust in you alone; Higher than my side; High above my life; I will trust in you alone.

*(Chorus:)* Where you go, I'll go; Where you stay, I'll stay; When you move, I'll move; I will follow you. Who you love, I'll love; How you serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow you; I will follow you.

Light unto the world; Light unto my life; I will live for you alone; You're the one I seek; Knowing I will find all I need in you alone, in you alone. *(Chorus)*

In you there's life everlasting; In you there's freedom for my soul; In you there's joy, unending joy and I will follow. *(Chorus 2 times)*

## ↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### Remember in your prayers:

Neale Dickinson  
Eric Wilcken's family  
Christian Families in Pakistan  
Nancy Palmore  
Suzanne Coats  
Michelle Lambert  
Chuck Haack  
Danielle Harris

Mike Kennedy  
Brian  
Lauren & Paul Dorman  
Linda  
Simon Bauers  
Louise & Chris Bennett  
Martha Poole  
Vivian Murad

Helen  
Nancy MacNaughton  
Carolyn Messimer  
Patt Scott  
Jan Gladd  
Virginia Gammon & Family  
Eileen Poole

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### Make yourself comfortable!

Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with the people of St. Francis Church.

**There is no "one right way" to participate. Join in as much as you want.**

If you wish to sing, all our music is included in the bulletin. We have a lively contemporary band and music is a significant part of our worship experience. However, we recognize that visitors may not know the music. If you and your family are among these, we encourage you to hum along or simply sit back and enjoy the sound.

Filling out a name tag and placing it on your person will permit us all to greet each other by name while visiting here at St. Francis. Likewise, signing our guest roster will permit us to follow-up with you following this Sunday's worship.

If you are a guest today, don't feel obligated to make a financial contribution to the offering.

Rest rooms are located in the entrance Narthex and in the mobile office/classroom building adjacent to the worship hall.

*"We are a welcoming community seeking to share God's unconditional love with all."*

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### Your Vestry Members are:

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin

**Junior Warden:** Bill Weatherford

**Other Members:** Peter LeViness  
Ann James

Larry Kidd  
Wayne Conners

**Reaister:** Marian Elam

**Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalicers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalicers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
29-Sep	Larry Kidd	Kathy Gammon	Susan Kidd, Kathy Gammon	Paul and Ann James, Larry Kidd
6-Oct	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, Susan Kidd

## ~Announcements~

### Upcoming Important Dates:

Thursday, October 3	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 5	Blessing of the Animals	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 6	Communion Service followed by Book Study	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 11	Kindred Spirits	St. Francis	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 13	Celebration of a New Ministry (No service at 10:00 a.m.)	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.

**Financial Update**—If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	Operating Funds		Net Gain or (Loss)
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
<b>2013</b>			
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$24,463.00</b>	<b>\$20,486.48</b>	<b>\$3,976.52</b>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>\$21,422.00</b>	<b>\$21,276.96</b>	<b>\$145.04</b>
July	\$6,208.00	\$7,845.81	<b>(\$1,637.81)</b>
August	\$6,727.00	\$7,394.77	<b>(\$667.77)</b>
September	\$6,378.00	\$6,602.91	<b>(\$224.91)</b>
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>\$19,313.00</b>	<b>\$21,843.49</b>	<b>(\$2,530.49)</b>
<b>2013 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$65,198.00</b>	<b>\$63,606.93</b>	<b>\$1,591.07</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b><u>Beginning</u></b>	<b><u>Ending</u></b>	
<b>YTD 2013</b>	\$32,627.98	\$34,249.05	<b>\$1,621.07</b>

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