NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THEME: God is intentional with us.....we are intentional with God

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "Red Book" 59 The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you, There'll be shouts of joy,

And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands,

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The trees of the field will clap their hands,

And all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands

While you go out with joy,

You shall go

OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: God's power is great. God is the one who "forms light and creates darkness". There is nothing that is outside of God's control. Too often we have forgotten to recognize God's power in the world and in our lives. We have failed to give God the credit God deserves. During this time of reflection, let us think about the times we have failed to recognize God's power in our lives. Silent Reflection

P: We confess our sins.....

C: Most merciful God, You have promised to provide for all of our needs. You have fulfilled these promises in mighty ways in our life. Our response to Your work in our lives has not always been filled with thanksgiving and praise. Today we need to recognize the sin us and ask that You would forgive us and make us new. Forgive and cleanse us so that we can be pleasing in Your sight and ministers in Your service.

P: Our God is great! The death of Jesus—God's Son—has paid the cost of our sin and has set us free to live in victory. We are forgiven. We are daughters and sons of God. We are ministers of each other. God's power has renewed us! Thanks be to God!

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE "Red Book" 40 Father, I Adore You

Father, I adore You, lay my life before you. How I love you

Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before you. How I love you.

Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before you. How I love you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray.......Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament: Isaiah 45:1-7

Besides Lord, there is no other

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped,

to subdue nations before him

and to loose the belts of kings,

to open doors before him

that gates may not be closed:

"I will go before you

and level the exalted places,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

I will give you the treasures of darkness

and the hoards in secret places,

that you may know that it is I, the LORD,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I name you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other,

besides me there is no God;

I equip you, though you do not know me,

that people may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is none besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,

I make well-being and create calamity,

I am the LORD, who does all these things.

Epistle: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul explains that it is not only important to share the gospel, but also our lives

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

Jesus challenges us to render to God the things that are God's

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

SERMON SONG "Green Book" 415 God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient Church's story,
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour
For the facing of this hour

Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

"An Intentional Relationship"

APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And was born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate.

Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

OFFERING (We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer

C: Amen

THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Red Book" 119

Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

"Red Book" 108 I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a River, I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a River, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an Ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an Ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a Fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a Fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

DISTRIBUTION Music

GOOD WORDS

- P: Go in peace. You are the forgiven people of God.
- C: We will celebrate forgiveness in the week ahead through acts of kindness, times of listening concern, and deeds of generosity.
- P: God in peace. You are the forgiven people of God.
- C: We have heard about God's intentional love for us. We will intentionally share this love with others.
- P: The Lord be with you. Go and serve in Jesus' name. Amen
- C: Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Go Now in Peace

Pastor Appreciation

Pastor, you are our inspiration, You know how to touch our hearts. Thank you for your time and talents That you share with us.

Pastor, you came so far to serve us, Bringing all your family too, Lovely wife and precious daughters Add so much to you.

Pastor, we love your preaching, Humor, and your singing too. We are so very glad you found us, And a good fit for you.

Pastor, we feel quite lucky Now, that we have you here. One could say your name Describes us and Philomath too.

Pastor, your energy astounds us, Actions and many words abound. Thank you for your volunteering All around town.

Thank you for your love and guidance, Giving from your heart and soul. We are so very blessed to know you Stay here 'til you're old.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.