

Kern Memorial United Methodist Church

The Reverend Donna M. Hester, Pastor

September 26, 2021 11:00 AM

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord

Samuel Wellman

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

People: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.

Leader: We struggle and worry.

People: God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.

Leader: Listen for God's call to you.

People: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance.

Prayer

Lord of joy and mercy, be with us this day as we seek your voice and your guidance.

Remove the obstacles that block our commitment and help us to truly be your disciples; for we ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.

Anthem

Rescue the Perishing

Fanny Crosby/W. Doane

Carol Cox, Charlie & Sue DeVore, Julie Martin

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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, forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 9:38-50 (CEB)

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38 John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone throwing demons out in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn't following us."

39 Jesus replied, "Don't stop him. No one who does powerful acts in my name can quickly turn around and curse me. **40** Whoever isn't against us is for us. **41** I assure you that whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will certainly be rewarded.

42 "As for whoever causes these little ones who believe in me to trip and fall into sin, it would be better for them to have a huge stone hung around their necks and to be thrown into the lake. **43** If your hand causes you to fall into sin, chop it off. It's better for you to enter into life crippled than to go away with two hands into the fire of hell, which can't be put out. **45** If your foot causes you to fall into sin, chop it off. It's better for you to enter life lame than to be thrown into hell with two feet. **47** If your eye causes you to fall into sin, tear it out. It's better for you to enter God's kingdom with one eye than to be thrown into hell with two. **48** That's a place *where worms don't die and the fire never goes out*. **49** Everyone will be salted with fire. **50** Salt is good; but if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? Maintain salt among yourselves and keep peace with each other."

Message

“Say What?”

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*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed Ecumenical Version

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Postlude

Toccata on *O Worship the King*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Blessing with Response

Announcements

Sunday, September 26, 2021

- 8:30 am** Christian Formation Class (Zoom)
- 9:00 am** Praise and Worship Service (FLC)
- 10:00 am** Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 am** Online Worship Service (Facebook, YouTube)
- 11:00 am** Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 27, 2021

- 9:00 am** Monday Morning Maintenance (Narthex)
- 12:30 pm** Staff Meeting (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm** Yoga (FLC)
- 7:00 pm** Scouts (FLC)
- 7:00 pm** Adventure Crew (Narthex)

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

- 9:00 am** Camp Faith (Rm 26, 28)

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

- 5:30 pm** Family Fellowship (Elm Grove Park)
- 6:30 pm** Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 30, 2021

- 8:00 am** Prayer Partners (Clubhouse)
- 9:00 am** Camp Faith (Rm 26, 28)
- 6:30 pm** Nominations (Zoom)

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