

# *The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

## *September 29, 2024*

Hymn Sing

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

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Opening Prayer

Children’s Sermon

Call to Worship: ( from Psalm 121)

L: We lift up our eyes to the mountains— where does our help come from?

**P: Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

L: The prayers and praises of a righteous person are powerful and effective!

**ALL: We worship God- who provides all that we need! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Confession

L: We confess to you, Lord, what we are: we are not the people we like others to think we are;

**P: we are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls.**

L: But we do not want to hide our true selves from you.

**P: We believe that you know us as we are, and yet you still love us.**

L: Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge; teach us to respect ourselves for your sake;

**P: give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.**

**Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt and fear,**

L: and take us into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.

**ALL: And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask that you would break their bondage and set them free.**

Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (from James 5)

L: James entreats us to “confess our sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that we may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16) We have confessed our sins to one another, and to God, and we believe that prayer is powerful and effective. In that belief, I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are healed and forgiven.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

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Scripture James 1:1-7, 12, 1 Corinthians 1:30  
Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 4:6-7 Mark 9:30-37

Sermon: *Growing in Wisdom part 2*

Solo “I’m Trading My Sorrows”

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

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Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am: Dave Eaton

10:00 am: Sharon Kaczmarczyk

Coffee Hour

Joanne Bodley

Donna Bodley

*Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday in our Solarium. If this is your first time, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself*

## ***Church Happenings***

**All are Encouraged to Join Our Secret Prayer Pal. If you have inserted your name you may take your prayer pal out today.**

**A big thank you to all who helped make our yard sales possible** especially Priscilla Tinsley who spent so much of her time and energy chairing this wonderful group.

**Youth Group will be going to Crowes Farm today to pick apples directly after the coffee hour.** All are welcome to join us. We can carpool from the church or meet us there.

**Men's Fellowship Group** will meet on Tuesday morning at 10 am in the Solarium. Questions, call Pastor John 508-451-5858.

**You are Invited to join a holiday fair workshop on Tuesdays** from 9 am till 12 pm. Questions call Sue DeMartino 508-648-4844.

**Pastor John offers a Bible Study session every Thursday** morning at 10 am. He covers the Scripture that is offered during the following Sunday services. All are welcome to join the group.

**The Gift Baskets are being created.** We need ideas for new baskets and items to be put into these wonderful gifts. Please bring in your donations and give your ideas to Sue DeMartino or Ellie Eaton.



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