



Sunday, October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Entering God's Presence

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 40:4-5

Blessed is the one
who trusts in the Lord,
who does not look to the proud,
to those who turn aside to false gods.
Many, Lord my God,
are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.
None can compare with you;
were I to speak and tell of your deeds,
they would be too many to declare.

Prelude

Tonstück op. 22 no. 1 in F Major
Niels Wilhelm Gade (1817-1890)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Introit

"I Was Glad"
Music: Austin C. Lovelace

IPC Singers
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

***Call to Worship**

Diane Meier

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

***Hymn of Praise – #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – John 3:16-17

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

People: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

God's Gracious Will for Our Lives – Matthew 22:34-40

Leader: Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

People: All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

***Gloria Patri #579** “Glory Be to the Father”

Receiving the Word of God

Children’s Message

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Choral Prayer of Illumination

“Lord, Be Thy Word My Rule”

Music: Henry Lawes

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 106:1-12 (p. 609)

Diane Meier

New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (p. 1153)

Sermon – “Really?”

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Hymn of Response** – #276 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Professing What We Believe

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Gathering at the Lord's Table

Invitation

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

Words of Institution

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament saying:

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

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

The 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.

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings Tariq Dennison, Treasurer

Offertory

"Peace Be Still"

Heather & Claire Altermatt, Vocals

Music: Andrew Holt, Hope Dart & Mia Fieldes Sebastian Pazmandi, Piano

***Doxology #592** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Going with God's Mission & Blessing

Welcoming of Visitors

Tariq Dennison

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication – #555** "Now Thank We All Our God"

***Sending and Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Choral Benediction

Twofold Amen

Postlude

Fugue in F Major BuxWV 157

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please remain seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today's bulletin cover features Russian-French artist Marc Chagall's "Les Hébreux adorent le Veau d'Or" (The Hebrews Adore the Golden Calf). This 1931 oil and ink gouache is part of the collection of the Musée National Marc Chagall in Nice, France.