

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 20, 2019 11:00 AM

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR STORY "Faith is ..."

CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Joel Ramey

INTROIT "Faith is..." *See insert*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to glorify God, who yearns for justice,

Not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;

We rejoice and remember God's persistence in saving us!

*HYMN NO. 265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" *Duke Street*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL HYMN NO. 482 "Baptized in Water" *Bunessan*

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you teach us to be persistent in our prayers and to not lose heart. Yet our prayers reflect our distraction, our impatience, and our self-centeredness. Still, you persist in calling us back to you. Have mercy, on us. Forgive us for our failure to trust in you alone. May our prayers for justice be motivated by love, and may they be answered with your amazing grace.

(silent prayers of confession) And all God's people say, **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God does not delay in granting justice;

God is merciful and hears our prayers of repentance. Thanks be to God.

*SHARING THE PEACE *"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you!"*

*SONG OF PRAISE "Glory be to the Father" No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, amen.

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Here I Am" Pote/Schrader

Here I am, Lord, take and use me, for I know you have a plan for me.

Here I am, Lord, take and use me, for I know you care for me.

When the night is lonely, I have no light to see;

Still I hear your voice, Lord, calling to me.

When the dawn is breaking, I face a day unknown;

Yet your light reveals, Lord, I'm not alone.

GATHERING "Where Children Belong"

**This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Dr. Todd Wright

SONG OF PREPARATION

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me,
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:1-8

SERMON "Faith is ... being Persistent" Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Page 35

*HYMN NO. 688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" *Morecambe*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "The Master Hath Come" John Purifoy

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

*HYMN NO. 465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *Converse*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Go with Us, Lord" No. 748

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev'ry coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

*POSTLUDE "Joyous Toccata" Lani Smith

GREETERS: *Greeters before Worship:* Angie Price and John Fleck *Greeters after Worship:* Angie Price and Patty Skaff

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, *preacher*; Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Carolyn Perrine, *organist*; Sheila Grimm, *liturgist*

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Jessica Gentry and T'Aja Blank

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Sharon King in the memory of Kenneth and Tommie King.

Today is the second of a six week worship series "Faith is ..."
We will be following along with Jesus as he meets people and tells stories that show us his topsy-turvy view of faith.

*Worshippers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text
People: Bold text

The Call to Worship is from Thom Shuman; the Confession and Pardon are based on Luke 18: 1-8.

We pour water into the Baptismal bowl as a reminder that we are washed clean of all our sins.

The Song of Preparation is verse 1 of # 451 in the Glory to God hymnal.

We conclude worship with the Postlude. Those who leave during the postlude are requested to do so quietly and respectfully.



If you would like to give flowers to celebrate a special day or person, please contact Leslie Bremar.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, after worship.



STAFF

Rev. Dr. Todd Wright
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Rev. Dr. Amy Parker
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Carolyn Perrine
Organist

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Secretary

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Children's Choir Dir.

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Choir Director Emeritus

SESSION

Class of 2019

Cindy Hanna
Noah Lawson
Angie Price
Jim Smith
Chuck Stump

Class of 2020

Jack Grimm
Kathy Kruk
Peggy Palmer
Patty Skaff

Class of 2021

Heather Barry
Greg Rader
Sarah Stump
Barbara Tabaretti

Clerk of Session
Rose Ann Walker

TRUSTEES

Don Parker '19
Richard Callard '20
John France '21

THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Membership Team)
- + 12:30 PM – Officer Training gathering #3

THIS WEEK

- + Monday, October 21, 9:30 AM – Bridge; 5 PM – Tai Chi
- + Tuesday, October 22, 7 PM – Choir Practice
- + Wednesday, October 23, 11 AM – Bridge
- + Thursday, October 24, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Soul Shop
- + Friday, October 25, 7 PM – NA Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Education Team)

Happy Birthday **Those having a birthday this week** Jack Bland (22nd), Jeanne MacDonald (24th), Sarah Hawley (24th), Cherrie Sizemore (25th), Rhonda Jacobs (25th), Amelia Powell (27th). If we have missed your birthday please let us know!

PRAYERS FOR: Martha Foster; Lynn Gunnoe; Family of Glenna Adams; Hallie Kirk; Jeanne MacDonald; Jimmy Clark; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Leon and Sandy Copeland; Sandy Singleton; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

Those in care facilities: Sherry Russell, Martha Foster

Those overseas: Matthew Walker

All Students

Military Service: Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

Nyeri Presbytery: The Mathakwaini in the Thegene parish.

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We believe children learn to worship by being in worship, so childcare for children (infant to kindergarten) begins after the Time for Children. The adult attendants will lead children out of the sanctuary to their room in the basement of the Education wing.

Worship bags for all children are available in the Narthex (at the back of the sanctuary).

Our sanctuary is equipped with hearing assist devices. Please see one of the ushers to borrow one during the service.

This Sunday's bulletin is printed on paper that contains at least 10% recycled fiber. A receptacle for recycling paper is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.



LUKE 18:1-18 "FAITH IS . . . BEING PERSISTENT"

What do you expect when you appear before a judge?

Most members of Village Chapel would expect stern but fair justice. But some of our neighbors have less lofty expectations. Their experience has taught them that they are often ignored or treated unfairly by the justice system and by figures of authority. That's not how things are supposed to be, but it is how they often function.

So what are the powerless to do? They must be persistent, loud, annoying even! That is the only way they can hope for something like justice.

So when you pray for justice, what do you expect?