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*The Service for the Lord's Day
19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 30, 2018*

Boldface type indicates a spoken response.
The asterisk (*) is an invitation to stand if able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Upon this gathering of your people,
pour out your Spirit, O Lord.
Be near to us and speak to us,
and we will proclaim your glory.

Num. 11:16–29

*OPENING HYMN #339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The prayer of faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise them up,
and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
Therefore, confess your sins to one another
and pray for one another so that you may be healed.

Jas. 5:15–16a

**God of unity,
we live in a world where our lives move
between inclusivity and exclusivity.
We often move toward the latter,
trying to oust from our circles
those who do not think like us,
act like us,
or look like us.**

Mark 9:38–50

**Forgive our need to reject
and to always be on the lookout
for those things that make us different.
Give us the eyes of our Teacher,
who knows unconditional love and compassion
and sees us all as one,
for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

My brothers and my sisters,
if anyone among you wanders
from the truth and is brought back by another,
you should know that whoever brings back a sinner
from wandering
will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover
a multitude of sins.
Rejoice! You have been brought back
by the redemption of God
and forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior.
You can live in peace.

Jas. 5:19–20

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #670**

From the Rising of the Sun

***SHARING OUR GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST**

(Please place prayer request cards in baskets)

**** *Please be seated.***

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Sheila Wahamaki

HYMN #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 9:38-50

[p. 45 NT]

James 5:13-20

[p. 231 NT]

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

" _____ *Will Cover a Multitude of Sins*"

Pastor Jim Rausch

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Registration of Attendance

OFFERTORY

Sing a Little Song for God Is Love

Chancel Choir

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name (verse 1)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Blessed be the Lord, for God is good,
and God's love endures forever.**

Ps. 1:3

**Our Creator, help us to mirror your goodness
through this offering, in the world. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN #683

Lord of All Hopefulness

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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Questions for Reflection

Numbers 11:24–29 and Mark 9:38–41 are both concerned with expressions of divine power that occur outside the bounds of formal leadership and authority. Where have you experienced God’s mighty or gracious action in the church and in the world? What does it mean for the church to pray or act in the name of Jesus Christ? How do you account for gifts of the Spirit that seem to spill out beyond the church’s control?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of heavenly glory,
brighter than the midday sun,
as each day tells your wonder,
may the words of my mouth
be acceptable to you,
my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of heavenly glory,
deeper than the midnight dark,
as each night sings your mystery,
may the dreams of my heart
be acceptable to you,
my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

LAY LITURGIST: Dave Caruso; GREETERS: Dorcas Yost, Mick & Susan Homan; USHERS: Pat Ganson, Carol Giblin, Robin Schroeder & Nancy Evans; AFTER WORSHIP HOSPITALITY: Ron & Mary Rop; OFFERING COUNTERS: Bill Papo & Julie Stewart

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome Guests! We're so glad you joined our church family in worship today. Please join us following the worship service in the chapel for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

This morning's flowers have been provided by Robin Schroeder.

October 21 through October 28 is Family Promise week at our church. We will be hosting three homeless families, giving them a safe place to sleep and a hot dinner. Volunteer sign up will be after church today in the narthex. We will answer all questions and give you a job description. We met some nice families in April and July and are looking forward to meeting new friends in October. It was because of you, our members who volunteered to help homeless families, that the weeks were a success. Please sign up now.

Please register and take an envelope if you would like to participate in the 2018 CROP Walk whether you receive donations online, by check, or by cash. All envelopes have an attached note with simple instructions to our FPC CROP Walk Team on line. All donations are to be turned in at the Walk on Sunday, October 7th. You may pick up your envelope on Sundays throughout September as well as October 7th. Thank you for participating in the 2018 CROP Walk.

Local agencies receiving 25% of the total CROP Walk contributions

**MAP Healthy Foods Pantry
Community enCompass Urban Garden
Saturday Breakfast at First Congregational Church UCC
Meals on Wheels**

PLEASE SIGN UP TO WALK OR SPONSOR A WALKER

Bread for the World Bread Sales resume Sunday, October 7th in the Chapel. Pies of all kinds have been requested by many of our purchasers, however all breads and baked goods are welcome. Many thanks to our FPC bakers!

Sign up to view the documentary, *“Light in Their Eyes,”* presented by Bethany Christian Services on Thursday, October 11th – 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. It shows the trials and triumphs of the adoption journey of three couples.

We are looking for volunteers for the 4th annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 27th! Host a car, help run games, be an ambassador or just donate candy. Sign up in the hall or see Arisha with questions.

There will be a spaghetti luncheon in fellowship hall on Sunday, October 14th at 11:15 a.m. to kick-off the annual stewardship campaign. Please make an effort to attend as we will be passing out the pledge cards to help prepare the 2019 budget. A sign-up sheet is posted in the main hallway.

What’s News? Jon Mills will talk about how to figure out the news and how to interpret all the noise from our surroundings on Monday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. The discussion is sponsored by the Outreach & Communication Council. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many people to expect.

Marriage Fellowship will meet in the chapel on Sunday, October 7th at 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Sherman hallway. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Questions? Contact Pam Schumaker at (586) 484-1706.

WEEKLY COLLECTION AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET 2018 BUDGETED INCOME	
Amount needed each week	Amount collected last week
\$6,460.35	(09/23/18) \$2,871.00
Actual Income is \$15,639 less than Budgeted income through August 2018	
Fourteen (14) Sundays left in 2018 as of 09/23/18	

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FPC

09/30/18 Sunday	8:30 am	Joyful Ringers
	8:45 am	Book Discussion
	9:15 am	Choir Warm-up
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Hospitality
10/01/18 Monday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
	10:00 am	Book Discussion
	3:00 pm	Bible Study
10/02/18 Tuesday	9:30 am	Moms Workout Group
	2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Committee Meeting
	3:00 pm	Member Care Council Meeting
	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 pm	Gentle Yoga
10/03/18 Wednesday	1:00 pm	Hackley Postpartum Group
	5:30 pm	Worship & Music Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Property Council Meeting
10/04/18 Thursday	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
10/05/18 Friday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
10/06/18 Saturday	10:00 am	Girl Scouts
10/07/18 Sunday	8:30 am	Joyful Ringers
	9:15 am	Choir Warm-up
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Blood Pressure Clinic
	11:00 am	Hospitality/FBW Bread Sale
	12:30 pm	CROP Walk Registration
	1:00 pm	CROP Walk
5:30 pm	Marriage Fellowship	