



SOTC Worship

You Have Heard It Said - God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

October 1, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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## GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY

ELW 461

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Pastor Aleese offers a prayer of preparation, inviting the Spirit, that we may confess our sin.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God of Ancient Waters, you made the earth and sustain all life, and still we, like the Israelites, sink into worry and grumble in fear that you will abandon us in times of great need. Remind us that even when our trust falters, you are the God who draws water from stones to quench our thirst and ease our distress. Hold us fast in your promise to help us when we cannot help ourselves so that we may also help those around us. In the name of Jesus, and by the power of His Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

————— **WORD** —————

STORYTELLING

PSALM: PSALM 95

READING: EXODUS 17:1-7

*In response to the readings:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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APOSTLES CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.*

————— **MEAL** —————

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*At Pastor Aleese's direction, the congregation responds "Amen!" in the midst of the prayer.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.*

LAMB OF GOD

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

————— **SENDING** —————

## BLESSING

SENDING SONG

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

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## DISMISSAL

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**Thanks be to God!**

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