

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

10:00AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand*

WELCOME

Rev. Betsy Rice

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*

Moment for Generosity

John & Judy Gray

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP
IN MUSIC**

"Come Thou Fount of Every
Blessing"

arr. Lloyd Larson

The Celebration Ringers
Jennifer Fry, Director

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 95:6-7)*

Leader: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

Congregation: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Leader: For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture
and the flock led by your hand.

**Congregation: Oh, that today we would
listen to your voice!**

Let us harden not our hearts!

*** HYMN #386**

"Come, Worship God"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord God, in your great love, by the Holy Spirit, you speak to us in Scripture,
your creation, and in the people and events of our lives. You long for us to
hear your voice but we do not listen. We act as though hearing you doesn't
matter to how we live. Forgive us and increase in us the desire to hear what**

you say. Give us roomy, listening hearts eager to respond with obedience to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Silent confession)*

*** Congregational Response “The Kyrie”**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*** Assurance of Pardon**

*** Gloria *(from Hymn #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.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Matt

Children and youth will attend Sunday School and Confirmation after the message.

(See inside cover).

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deanna Olson

1ST SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-6

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Victor Johnson

The Chancel Choir

Russell Nagy, Director

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy Spirit, O Lord

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Sound of the Genuine"

Pastor Matt

*** HYMN #694**

"Great God of Every Blessing"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Sharing of Prayer Requests and Blessings
The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Hymn To Peace"

Gilbert M. Martin

*** DOXOLOGY** (*from Hymn #607*)

*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.*

*** DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

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GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*** HYMN #725**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

"A Song of Rejoicing"

Robert Thygerson

*Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship.
Those who need to leave before the end of the postlude are free to do so quietly.*

Please stay for the congregational meeting following the worship service, then join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments.