

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

The Lord reigns; let the people know of his strength, honour and may we praise Him!

HYMN VU 376 – Spirit of the Living God

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You in humble reverence, acknowledging Your supreme authority over all creation as the Sovereign Lord whose wisdom surpasses our understand and whose purposes stand forever. Today we choose to submit to Your will and arranging ourselves under Your authority and entrusting to You our plans and desires. We know that you are for us and not against us, we feel stronger with You as the cornerstone in our lives.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD TODAY’S SCRIPTURE

Psalm 78 – VU 792 – Part One



Matthew 21:23-32New International Version

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

So, they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you; the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

ALL; Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 595 – We Are Pilgrims

Choir Anthem

Lead Me Back

AS WE REFLECT UPON THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon Message – *Rev. Lisa Naumann*

Ministry Of Music

Faith – GW Chadwick

Prayer of Yearning

Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, we stand in awe of Your unparalleled might and endless wisdom. Instill in us a faith that mirrors that of Jesus, who in full submission to Your will demonstrated the depth of Your power.

May we say 'yes' to Your will for our lives.

May we bear fruit through mercy and love.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Assurance

Let us engage Jesus in new and refreshing ways, accepting forgiveness and embracing grace. May we overflow in love and share this with others. Let us walk in confidence in the plan and purpose God has for our lives.

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Invitation to the Offering

DOXOLOGY VU 541 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Offering Dedication

Generous God, you have entrusted to us a beautiful world. We give you thanks for our church and the family of God. Enable us to open our hands to share with others. May you multiply these gifts and use them for your purposes. Amen

HYMN VU 560 – O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING FORTH

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5–6

HYMN MV 215 *Peace Be with You*

Postlude

BY WHAT AUTHORITY?

Matthew 21:23-32

Leading Worship:

Rev. Lisa Naumann

Music Director

Craig Garnham

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Thank you!

Donna Armstrong for refreshments and the flowers.

Linda Dunford for reading the scripture.

Philip Armstrong for technical support.

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VU 376 – *Spirit of the Living God* (one license 101236)

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!
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VU 792 - Psalm 78

**Refrain – We will tell new generations of the wonders God has done.
Part One (1-7)**

Give heed to my teaching, O my people,
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will reveal the hidden meaning of things in the past.
What we have heard and known,
what our parents have told us,
we will not hide from their grandchildren,
but declare to the next generation
the testimony that you gave to Jacob
and the law you appointed in Israel,
which you commanded them to teach their children,
that the next generation might know them,
children yet unborn,
and these in turn should arise, and tell their children,
that they should put their trust in you,
and not forget your great deeds,
but keep all your commandments. R

VU 595 – *We Are Pilgrims*

- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

VU541 - *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

VU 560 – *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

- 1 O Master, let me walk with thee
 in lowly paths of service free;
 teach me thy secret, help me bear
 the strain of toil, the fret of care.
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 with some clear, winning word of love;
 teach me the wayward feet to stay,
 and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee,
 in closer, dearer company,
 in work that keeps faith sure and strong,
 in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4 in hope that sends a shining ray
 far down the future's broadening way,
 in peace that only thou canst give,
 with thee, O Master, let me live.

MV215 - *Peace Be With You*

Peace be with you, Peace forever,
Peace be with you, My friends.
Till we meet again, May God be with you. Peace, peace, peace

Hymns