

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Love of Neighbor

October 11, 2020

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times where all who are able may stand.  
**Bold indicates congregational response.**

Ringling of the Bell

Pastor's Welcome

Prelude "Hear Him, My Soul" Livingston

Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

+ People's Greetings (wave but do not touch)

Call to Worship

We welcome the presence of God, who commanded faithful people throughout the ages to love God, love neighbor and love ourselves.

**We welcome the presence of Jesus, our teacher and brother, who reminded us again that the whole of God's law can be summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

We welcome the presence of the Spirit, which moves us to love our neighbor through the hearing and understanding of their diverse voices and languages, just like on that first Pentecost day.

Gathering Prayer

**Loving God, Joy of the universe, we cannot bring you even one tiny item of perfect praise. Your love is too great for words or deeds, your holiness is beyond all music and song. But we can bring you our sincere love, the very cream of our heart. You have made us for love, and we**

**yearn to love you more and more until earth and heaven become one complete circle of joy. Through Christ Jesus, our Brother and Lord, Amen.**

Response (spoken) **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Glory to God in the highest,**  
**and peace to God's people on earth.**

New Member Reception - Norma Kern

Questions of the Candidate:

*Do you believe in God the Source, the fountain of life?*

*(Norma) I believe in God.*

*Do you believe in Christ the Servant, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church?*

*(Norma) I believe in Christ.*

*Do you believe in the Spirit the Guide, the liberating wellspring of life?*

*(Norma) I believe in the Spirit.*

*Let us, the members and friends of Zion Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.*

**We welcome you, Norma, with joy in the common life of this church.**

**We covenant with you to equip one another for the work to which we feel called: striving for peace and justice among all people, protecting and restoring the integrity of all God's creation, and bringing hope to those most vulnerable.**

Prayer of Blessing

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 32:1-14 (The Message MSG)

Epistle Reading James 2:14-26 (Common English Bible)

Special Music "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Courtney  
Kirk Hancox, soloist

+ Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14 (Common English Bible)

Sermon "Lord, Make Me Worthy" Pastor Gil

Video "Do Something" by Matthew West  
featuring Zion Youth

Our Morning Prayers

The Prayer of Our Savior

**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.**

Stewardship Moment Lee Parks

Giving from Our Hearts

Doxology (hum)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God for all that love has done Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.**

+ Prayer of Dedication

**We have been so richly blessed in our lives with food to eat and warm shelter. On this Crop Walk Sunday we bring our offerings forward praying that they may be widely used to support our mission in this community and beyond. Bless those who are walking today. Amen.**

Announcements

Video – CROP Walk

Closing Music "Blessed Assurance"

The closing music is played in memory of **Evelyn B. Baker.**

Benediction

Postlude "Honor and Glory" Wetherill

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**Gathering Prayer** by Bruce D. Prewer, Uniting Church of Australia  
**New Member Liturgy** from *Liturgy Outside* by Katherine HawkerSelf, Word Press

**We commit ourselves...**

**to worship God**

**to form faithful followers of Jesus**

**and to care for our wider community.**

*We care as Christ cares.*



**+ Service of Worship and Celebration +**

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