

# 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

**People: We come in celebration and song.**

Leader: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

**People: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.**

Leader: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

**People: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.**

Leader: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

**People: We come in celebration and song. Amen!**

### \*Hymn #98

*To God Be The Glory*

### Opening Prayer

Accept us, O Lord, as sacrifices, alive and eager to be used as you see fit. That we are all too conformed to this world, we readily confess with shame. Transform us by your mighty power. Renew our minds, that we may discern your will, that we may both know and do what is good, acceptable, and perfect. This we pray together with the whole church; through the One who was the supremely perfect sacrifice, Jesus, Savior of the world. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION

### Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

### \*Psalter – Psalm 4

Hymnal, Page 741

### \*Gloria Patri #70

### Epistle Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

### \*Hymn #405

*Seek Ye First*

### \*Gospel Reading – Matthew 6:19-21

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

### Children's Message

### Sermon - "Tethered to God"

Pastor Alan

## RESPONSE

### \*Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed

### Prayers of the People

*The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:*

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our Prayer.

### Invitation

### Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing of the Peace

### Offering & Offertory "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

### \*Doxology (UMH #95)

## THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

### \*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

### \*The Lord's Prayer

### Sharing of the Bread & Cup

### Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

## SENDING FORTH

### \*Hymn #454

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

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*\*For those who are able, please stand*