

18th Sunday after Pentecost September 22, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

What pollutes? Is it what we take into our systems or what we ourselves generate? Jesus declares it is the latter and warns His critics to act consistently with what God commands. Ceremonial washing is meaningless if we foul the environment with evil words and deeds. It is meaningless to honor God with our lips if we do not love our neighbors as ourselves.

Chiming of the Hour
Prelude and Silent Meditation
“Voluntary on Jefferson” (arr. Dale Wood)

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church
Moment for Stewardship

Invocation

Call to Worship
Leader: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger.
People: Let us welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save our souls.
Leader: Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers, so you may be blessed in all you do.
People: Pure religion is to care for orphans and widows and not to be stained by the world.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer
*Hymn of Praise
“As the Deer” (2x's) #626

*Confession of 1967 #3
God has created man in a personal relation with himself that man may respond to the love of the Creator. He has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. He has endowed man with capacities to make the world serve his needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Man is free to seek his life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature

for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other way to use his creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

*Gloria Patri Hymnal Page 581

Dedication
Reading of the Word: James 1:17-27 Page 229

*Doxology Hymnal Page 606
*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem Duet with Barb Smith and Jeff Clise
“Be Thou My Vision” (arr. by Craig Courtney)

Supplication
Morning Prayer
Prayer Response “Jesus Loves Me” (verse 1) #188

Exposition
Children's Message/Kids of the Kingdom
*Hymn “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” #729

Preaching of the Word:
“Quick, Slow & Slower”

Prayer of Application
Consecration
*Hymn of Consecration
“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” #835

*Benediction
*Postlude
“Impression Gregorienne” (Alexandre Guilmant)

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* Congregation will stand if able
Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary!

