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Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Transitions: Taking A Praise Break

GATHERING

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PRELUDE

THRESHOLD TO WORSHIP Rev. Nancy Nichols

THRESHOLD SONG TFWS #2023 *How Majestic Is Your Name*
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name.
O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God;
O Lord God Almighty.

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+CALL TO WORSHIP
Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

God comes to our aid in times of need,
and gives us the courage to do what we know is right.

We are invited to turn away from the influences of the world around us
and confess God alone as Savior and Lord.

This is our God!
Let's worship together.

+OPENING HYMN UMH #139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is
thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings,
e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all,
whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish
thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks
that are ever before thee.

Then to thy need
God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that
is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come
now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you and you and you
And also with you
Let us pray:
Lord, our God,
where is there another God like you—
a God of justice and unfailing love,
who stands by every promise made to your people,
generation after generation?
There is no other.
You alone are God.

And so we gather together to worship you:
to give you thanks,
to proclaim your greatness,
to sing your praise,
to seek your face,
and to celebrate Your faithful presence with us.

We pray that your Spirit would guide and inspire our worship.
Open our mouths to sing and speak Your praise,
open our ears to hear your Word,
open our eyes to see to you at work among us,
open our hearts to receive your love.

We offer ourselves to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PROCLAMATION

FIRST LESSON *Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28* Megan Lawson

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. These are the descendants of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' " So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

PSALTER UMH #840 *Psalm 105:1-6*

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples!
Sing to the Lord, sing praises!
Tell of all God's wonderful works!
Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek the Lord's presence continually!
Remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles and judgments God has uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

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SECOND LESSON *Romans 10:5-15* Megan Lawson

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

HYMN TFWS #2036 *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."

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Give thanks

CHILDREN'S TIME

+SINGING THE ALLELUIA! TFWS #2043 *Alleluia*

+GOSPEL *Matthew 14:22-33* Rev. Nancy Nichols

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

MUSICAL OFFERING *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* David King

THE MESSAGE Taking a Praise Break

RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY UMH #95

CLOSING HYMN UMH #103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

BENEDICTION