



OCTOBER 18
9 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

One: May the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with each
and everyone of you.

People: And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Of Psalm 96

One: Sing to the Lord a new song

All: Sing of God's saving love

One: Tell of God's glory among the nations

All: God's marvelous works among all the people.

One: Say to all the people, "The end is secure, it is in God's hands."

**All: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, let the sea roar and that fills it, let the fields
exult,**

One: Let the trees of the forest sing for joy,

**All: For the God of love is coming, to restore all of creation. Our God, the God of love, is
triumphant.**

***HYMN: "To God be the Glory" #56**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: My friends,, not out of dread or fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid
ourselves of what we no longer need to carry.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Gracious and Holy God, you ask us to live as citizens of your kingdom, to live in such a
manner that all might see you working in and through us, that those who witness this might
believe, yet we too often live according the culture we've grown up in, seeking to win at the
expense of others, seeking success and profit, seeking comfort and security. We seek social
approval and status instead of welcoming the unwanted and socially awkward. We say we are
"just doing good business" and turn away the hungry, lost, and hurting. Reform our hearts, that
we might truly live as citizens of your kingdom, and follow where Jesus led.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God knows what is on your heart. God does not condemn you, do not condemn yourself. You are
wholly forgiven and loved.

People: In Jesus Christ we are restored!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

As we share the peace with one another, please feel free to toot your car horn, wave, throw an air kiss or a long distance hug, text a friend, let people know they are loved!

Leader: Having been assured of God’s forgiveness and peace, let us share a sign of Christ’s peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 22: 15-22

SERMON “Citizens of the Kingdom”
Rev. Cynthia Wunder

***HYMN** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” #97

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Belhar**

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;

Prayers of the People

Our Father, which 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, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

The Session

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