



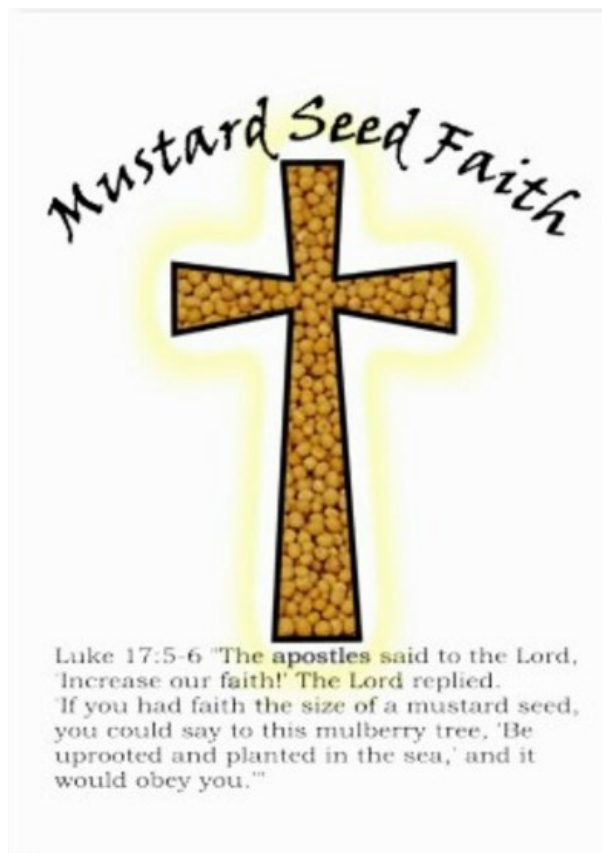
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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 2022



Mini-Message

Lynette Doepke

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Guest Preacher

Rev. Brad Braley

Worship Leader

Nancy Mahood

Director of Youth

Abbie Chronister

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

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Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Welcome

Announcements Nancy Mahood

Call to Worship From Isaiah 55 Nancy Mahood

Leader: From north and south and east and west,

People: all Creation sings forth your praises!

Leader: The mountains and the hills burst into song;

People: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Leader: Your steadfast love never ceases.

People: With joy and peace, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer Nancy Mahood

God of all nations, you have poured out your blessings upon all the peoples of the earth. Grant us eyes to see your gifts of faith and love. Appoint us as heralds of your mercies that are new every morning. Empower us to write the vision of your peaceable kingdom, where destruction and violence are no more, where suffering and wars shall cease. Through our worship empower us to be sent out with joy as bearers of your hope in a hurting world; through Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *God Is Here! As We Your People Meet* #70 (NCH - Black)

Joys & Concerns Nancy Mahood

Prayers of the People Rev. Brad Braley

Lord's Prayer Rev. Braley

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Mini-Message Lynette Doepke

Choral Anthem *Kyrie from Mass in G* by Franz Schubert Chancel Choir
arr. John Leavitt

Invitation to Offertory Nancy Mahood

Offertory Hymn Improvisation Hudson Lourenço

***Doxology** #515 (Pilgrim - Red)

***Prayer of Dedication** Nancy Mahood

Lord, the offerings we bring, may seem small and insignificant, but make us ever mindful that each of us can make a difference. Bless these gifts and our small efforts, we pray, that they may help your kingdom come o all the earth, as it is in heaven. Amen

***Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* #31 (NCH - Black)

Scripture Lesson Luke 17:1-6 Rev. Braley

Message *“Increase Our Faith”* Rev. Braley

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Rev. Braley

*** Communion Hymn** *I Come with Joy* #349 (NCH - Black)

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking the Bread - Pouring the Cup

Communing of the People

***Hymn** *Great is Your Faithfulness* #423 (NCH - Black)

Benediction

One: When we respond to God in faith, we are not promised tranquility;
God promises to remain steadfast.

All: Lord, increase our faith!

One: When we respond to God in faith, we are not promised prosperity; we are
promised intimacy in covenant.

All: Lord, increase our faith!

One: When we respond to God in faith, we are not promised to gain all the answers; we are presented with unexplained mystery.

All: Lord, increase our faith!

One: When we respond to God in faith, we are given the promise of growth, which may require that we be uprooted, transplanted, and asked to live in unusual places.

All: Lord, increase our faith!

One: When we respond to God in faith, we experience transforming grace, and we also receive responsibilities to love the world.

All: Lord, increase our faith!

One: Go now as servants of Christ! May your faith be increased! Go out in joy and be led forth in peace, sharing the peace of Christ with all. The peace of Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Alleluia!

Postlude

Hymn Improvisation

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* You are invited to Stand

(Hearing assistance devices are available in the cabinet in the back of the sanctuary.)

Childcare for students up to 5th grade is provided after the Children's Message and until Communion (youth will come back upstairs at this time to participate in Communion with their families). We welcome your child(ren) to follow youth staff to the childcare room (located at the bottom of the steps closest to the sanctuary) at the conclusion of the Children's Message.