

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Worship Service – September 26, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
 18th Sunday after Pentecost/Ordinary Time
 Year B

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
 Psalm 124
 James 5:13-20
 Mark 9:38-50

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship*

inspired by Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
 Our hope is in the name of the LORD,
the Healer of all that is wounded.
 Our trust is in the name of the LORD,
the One we gather to worship and praise.

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Hymn

What Is This Place
 Glory to God Hymnal, #404

Confession*

James 5:15-16

"...and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed."

God, our strength and God our savior, you know our transgressions – great and small; you know our hidden faults and our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out for ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ and your Kingdom.

(personal confession)

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Assurance and Passing of the Peace

James 5:19-20

"My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's souls from death and will cover a multitude of sins."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ScriptureMark 9:38-50*The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God stands forever.**Thanks be to God.***Sermon***Stumbling Along***Hymn***Help Us Accept Each Other*
Glory to God Hymnal, #754**Affirmation of Faith**Apostles' Creed
(ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the Offering* and Doxology

Mark 9:39-41

In Mark 9:39-41 we are reminded that through loving deeds and generous acts, we become a blessing to others and give honor to Christ's name. What greater reward could we ask than to share in God's saving and redeeming work?

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Prayer of Dedication**Announcements****Prayers of the People****Hymn***Take the Word of God With You***Charge and Benediction****Postlude**