

**CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Worship Service – September 19, 2021**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings  
 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Ordinary Time  
 Year B

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
 Psalm 1  
 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
 Mark 9:30-37

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship\***

inspired by Psalm 1, Mark 9:35-37, & James 3:17

When the world around us seems to be shaking,

**God's love is our foothold, which shall not be moved.**

When the life within us is dry and parched,

**God's word is our wellspring, our fount of living water.**

Let us worship the One who offers us wisdom

**and teaches us how to serve.**

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**Hymn**

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
 Glory to God Hymnal, #643

**Confession\***

James 3:7-8a

*"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you."*

**You told us, O Lord, that whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all. Oh, how we long to be first, O God: to climb every ladder, frame every achievement, get every promotion, and obtain every glory. Oh, how we long to be first, O God, and oh, how we dread being last.**

**Forgive us, O humble Christ, and by your forgiveness, teach us. Teach us to reframe our priorities around those of your Kingdom. Teach us to be servants first, and to let our lives flow from a heart of faith and trust in you.**

*(personal confession)*

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**Assurance and Passing of the Peace**

Psalm 1:2-3

*"...but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water..."*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Scripture**Mark 9:30-37*The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God stands forever.**Thanks be to God.***Sermon***A Welcome Challenge***Song***Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*  
Glory to God Hymnal, #727**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 9:37

*"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."*

Like the child Jesus held, we are welcomed into the life of Jesus. Let us extend this welcome by our giving of ourselves. May our time, our talents, and our tithes bring this same welcome to others.

**Prayer of Dedication****Announcements****Prayers of the People****Song***We Are One in the Spirit*  
*(They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)*  
Glory to God Hymnal, #300**Charge and Benediction****Postlude**