

18th Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 2022 10:00 am
Combined Picnic Service

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Gathering and Welcome

Procession

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

One: How does God speak?

**All: Not with a voice like mere mortals. God speaks to us in many ways.**

One: In the bountiful creation around us: "The midnight skies tell of God's glory; the midday sun displays holy handiwork.

**All: Each new day speaks God's language, and night after night knows more than they can tell.**

One: Yet it is the cross of Jesus where God speaks most profoundly: "The talk of the cross sounds absurd to those who think they are sophisticated, but for us who are being saved, it is the power of God."

**All: Amen. Let the way we speak and the way we think be acceptable in your sight, O God, our strength and our redeemer.**

\*Opening Hymn      "Morning Has Broken"      30

\*Opening Prayer

**This place for us is holy ground. The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love. God called us here, in whispering winds and in burning flames, and with his presence disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us. Let us worship the Lord. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music      Stump the Keyboard Player

Scripture Reading      Jeremiah 29:1-7

\*Hymn of Preparation      "His Eye is On the Sparrow"      16

Scripture Reading      Luke 17:11-19

Sermon      Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn      "I Love to Tell the Story"      19

\*Blessing and Benediction

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.**