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Episcopal Lutheran Churches

Claremont, NH

September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 19

9:00am via ZOOM

Officiant: Interim Vicar, The Rev. Susan Eibner



GATHERING HYMN:

ELW #532

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows,  
God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves,  
God of all the blues of sunlit seas,  
God of all the shades of green in bush and field,  
in rivers and oceans and lakes,  
in rough stones on a beach and polished jewels in a showcase,  
God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony,  
artistic and athletic, practical and visionary,  
compassionate and laughter-bringing,  
God who colours us a world of variety,  
We thank you that you have made each of us unique,  
that you call us to contribute our special colours to the life around us.  
We come to you in thanksgiving and worship. Amen

*(Aotearoa / New Zealand) (giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com)*

### **HYMN OF PRAISE CHRISTUS PARADOX 274 "YOU, LORD, ARE BOTH LAMB AND SHEPHERD"**

**You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.  
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.  
You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.**

**Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,  
shining in eternal glory, beggared by a soldier's toss,  
You, the everlasting instant; you who are both gift and cost.**

**You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide.**

**Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and victory; worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life.**

*Glory to God 274* **TEXT:** *Sylvia G Dunstan, 1984;* **MUSIC:** *(PICARDY) French melody, 17<sup>th</sup> cent.*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING:**

**ISAIAH 50:4-9A**

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The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 116:1-8 (READ RESPONSIVELY BY HALF VERSE)**

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1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
**"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
**our God is full of compassion.**
- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
**I was brought very low, and he helped me.**
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
**for the LORD has treated you well.**
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
**my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
**in the land of the living.**

**SECOND READING:**

**JAMES 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN:**

**ELW #798**

**Will You Come and Follow Me**  
*The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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## GOSPEL

## MARK 8:27-38

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save

their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HOMILY ~ THE REV. SUSAN EIBNER**

*Silence for reflection*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally  
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the  
power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin  
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS**

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Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Especially we pray for our Bishops, Michael and Rob, our Interim Vicar, Susan, Church of the Messiah, The Rev. Teresa Gocha, Vicar, North Woodstock, and Concordia Lutheran Church, Concord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help them meet the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. We remember all those who died on 9/11 and ask you to always watch over those who lost loved ones. We also pray for all those serving in Law Enforcement and our Armed Services, for the families of those lost in the line of duty, and for all on our parish prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for those who are overlooked.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forming God, you gather our communities together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving God, we thank you for all Blessings received, and we humbly ask that you fill our hearts with assurance as we bring our needs to you now, aloud, or in the silence of our hearts... .... **please add after your prayer, "Anyone else?".....**

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### ***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS***

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

### PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of the lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance,

**you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.**

**Accept the gifts you have first given us.**

**Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN:

**“O BLESS THE LORD”**

**HYMNAL 1982 #411 Vs. 1 – 3 & 6**

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5

Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

## ***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING***

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, who is Creator of all life. Though our days vanish like mist, and the light of the earth fades away in the distance, still your Spirit is within all life, and every human being is born in your likeness. And so with the whole created order, with the stars that silently glisten with life's glory, with the wind that howls and the gentle breeze that whispers, with the chirping praise of birds and the echo of the saints, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

P: Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine. In the beginning you watered the earth that all life may be nourished by your goodness. You gave to your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us, your beloved children.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine, and having given thanks for it, he shared it with his disciples, saying, "Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

We proclaim the mystery of faith.

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God, whose generosity is unbounded and who wills that we should lack no good thing, bless this bread and this wine with your Holy Spirit.

Meet us here Holy One,

Move among us Spirit of life.

Meet us here, as we remember.

Meet us here:

Transformed and transforming,

Broken and whole, given and giving.

Meet us here, that we might receive.

Meet us here, nourished afresh by these holy gifts, that  
We might live in you, as agents of change in your world.

Here lies new hope, new life, re-birth.

Here are the endless possibilities of awakening your struggling earth and its people.

Here as God brings new color to our trees and meaning to our lives

May we respond like seeds, dying to live,

Plunging down into fertile ground and reaching upwards to the light,

Awakened by the Spirit's breath,

To grow, to glory, to dance.

Make our true colors show forth around the world that you might bring forth a new harvest.

And we give praise to Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all  
glory and honor is yours, almighty God, world without end.

**ALL: AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER    ALL:**

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The ears of wheat are broken and scattered on the hillside to grow.

Gathered, they are broken again and scattered throughout the city and world to make bread.

The bread is scattered to each home and broken to make nourishment.

Broken and scattered, broken and scattered,

and some becomes Christ's body broken for us

as we are the people of God scattered through the city and the world

and, perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others. (*South Africa*)

**We hold this bread, broken, scattered and made whole.**

**We fill this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.**

Wheat whose crushing was for the bread of life, fruit whose crushing was for the drink of unending  
abundance, signs of Christ's glorious rising;

**Be known to us, O Jesus, in the breaking of bread and in the pouring of the vine's sweet fruit.**

**THE INVITATION**

All who hunger and thirst, come.

The table is ready.

**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING ~**

People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW # 660**

**Lift High the Cross**

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till  
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
 Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!!**

*\* The Eucharistic Prayer is an adaptation of a Eucharistic prayer used in a Celtic Service at  
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**Please Pray for:**  
**All Families separated by Social Distancing;**  
**Nursing Homes and Long term Care Facilities;**

Mark, Gary H., Anne S., Susan, Carol, Bob, Larry, Liz, Cece, Matt, Nancy, Jim, Carol, David, Roseann, Caroline, Karen,  
 Lynne, Barbara, Larry, Suzanne, Jackie, David, Ellen, Russ, Susan, Jody, Pete, Janie, Bruce, Pat, Steve, Chris, Kelly,  
 Peggy, Bev, Sue, Art, Crissan, Nancy, Jeff, Emma, Kevin, Cris, Richard, Jason, Kilee,  
 Jesse, Gabriel, Joanna, Faith

**NEXT WEEK: September 19, 2021 – OUTDOOR SERVICE at UNION - 9:00AM  
(ZOOM only if it is raining)**

In September of 2015 Trinity Episcopal Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church joined together to begin a joint ministry in downtown Claremont. Prince of Peace sold its building and moved into Trinity Episcopal Church.

The joint ministry officially concluded with the closure of Prince of Peace on December 31, 2020. The congregations have decided to continue to meld their traditions together creating worship experiences that honor both Lutheran and Episcopal traditions.

**Lutherans are welcome to worship with Trinity Episcopal Church.**



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