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*Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost*  
*October 11, 2020*

**THE PRELUDE**

Marilyn Seel

**WELCOME**

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #298 There Is Wideness in God's Mercy**

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
Which is more than liberty,  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failing  
Have such kindly judgment given.



2. For the love of God is broader,  
Than the measures of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal,  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
We would gladly trust God's Word;  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving  
For the goodness of our Lord.



## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: You have been called to the banquet.

**People: This is the feast.**

Leader: You have been summoned to the wedding.

**People: This is the feast of life and light.**

Leader: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

**People: We have come to the banquet that has no end.**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

## FIRST READING *Isaiah 25:1-9*

Don Crapnell, Lay Reader

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Rev. Mike Clark

**You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come.**

**You beg us to give thanks for life,**

**And we fail in our thanksgiving.**

**You have made for us a wonderful earth,**

**And we neglect the gift.**

**Forgive us for what we have done**

**and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us.**

**Be our guide and conscience.**

**Turn our feet and hands to your will,**

**that all we do might give glory to you. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Mike Clark

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity,  
hears your plea.

In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving,  
in the mercy of Almighty God,  
you are forgiven!

For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior,  
who died and rose from the dead  
to destroy the shroud of despair,  
rejoice!

**THE GLORIA PATRI (UNISON)**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

*PSALM 23*

Don Crapnell, Lay Reader

**OUR OFFERINGS**

Don Crapnell

**THE DOXOLOGY (UNISON)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Don Crapnell

**God of compassion and generous love,  
we give you thanks for the riches of Earth,  
which sustain our lives and  
which you have created for our joy.  
We thank you for Jesus,  
whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension  
renews our strength and revives our hope.  
We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us,  
invites us to dine with each other and with you,  
and keeps us in faith.  
Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need  
and the work of your church.  
In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Philippians 4:1-9*

Don Crapnell

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Mike Clark

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

Rev. Mike Clark

## **MESSAGE**

Rev. Mike Clark

## **THIS WE BELIEVE (UNISON)**

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Mike Clark

## **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Mike Clark

## **POSTLUDE**

Marilyn Seel

### **Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas 2020**

First, Van Buren, Arkansas (Established-1906, Members 50)

First Batesville, Arkansas (Established-1842, Members- 192)

**We are in need of Lay Readers that are available to take part in the weekly virtual worship services. The services are recorded on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am and last approximately an hour. You would only need to be available one Thursday a month. Please contact the office, or Pastor Clark if you are interested!**

