



*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
September 27, 2020

## **Prelude**

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*, Martha Main, YouTube

**We are Called to Worship** - Praise the Lord who is our provider. The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God. God brought us out of bondage and has made us free. The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God. Glorious are the deeds of our God, and might are his acts. The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God. Let us worship.=

**Gathering Prayer** - Extravagant, generous giver of all good things, just as you brought the Israelites into a land flowing with milk and honey—a land where they could be free from bondage and oppression, you have brought us into this good land—a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and corn, of fertile plains, and majestic mountains. We give you thanks: for the bounty that fills our tables, for the water that satisfies our thirst, for the beauty of this land where we are free to worship you in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.~

## **Song 1**

*Wonderful Words of Life*, 668, YouTube

## **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**A Time of Prayer:** *You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

### **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.

## **Song 2**

*Come All Christians, Be Committed*, 459, YouTube

### **We Hear God's Word**

Deuteronomy 8:1-20 (NRSV)

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. <sup>2</sup>Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. <sup>3</sup>He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>Therefore keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup>Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this

wealth.’ <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. <sup>19</sup>If you do forget the LORD your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup>Like the nations that the LORD is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

## **Meditation**

*Participants in the Blessing*

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

### **Offertory**

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy is under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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### **\*The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

*Version 1*

*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.*

*Version 2*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

**\*We Give Thanks** – Let this offering support and strength this church and your ministry. Let these gifts be put to work in service. Let our hearts bend toward wholeness. Bless these gifts and multiply them. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.~

### **Song 3**

*Take My Life and Let It Be, 466, YouTube*

**We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing** - May the God who is always near bless and keep you on your journey. Glory, honor, and praise be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and always. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.~

### **Postlude**

*God Will Take Care of You, Martha Main, YouTube*

Worship Notes: ~Abingdon Worship Annual. =Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.