

18th Sunday After Pentecost**Prelude***O For a Thousand Tongues*

Gathering—When we cry out “increase our faith,” Jesus reminds us that faith the size of a mustard seed is more than enough, so go and serve. When we cry out “have mercy on us,” Jesus pours out an abundance of healing care, so go and give thanks. In our worship this day let us bring our praise to the one who calls us, heals us, and loves us into life anew.

A Time of Prayer

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.

We Hear God's Word*Luke 17:11-19 (CEB)*

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, ¹³ they raised their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, show us mercy!”

¹⁴ When Jesus saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they left, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Weren’t ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

Meditation*One in Ten***Hymn***Give Thanks, #359***We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

Invitation—Luke tells us that Jesus healed ten lepers but only one returned to give thanks and that one was a foreigner. Again and again in the Bible the unlikely one in the story becomes the model of a generosity and grace. Maybe today, we are the ones God is hoping will return to give thanks and praise. May we offer our best in joyful response to the gift of our lives that this mission of healing may continue to spread throughout the world.+

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Doxology

We Give Thanks— Holy One, in Jesus Christ you have shown what your heart is like – merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Form that same spirit in us that our lives may become continual prayers of thanksgiving. Let no cry of your creation go unheard. Form us as agents of practical praise, molding us with mercy for a world crying out for healing.+

Hymn

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, #442

Benediction—Friends, as you go forth into the world, receive the mercy we know in Jesus Christ, praise God from whom all blessings flow, and be excessive in your gratitude, as you draw nearer to Jesus. Amen.

Postlude

Choral