NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
St. Paul
United Methodist Church
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* Please stand if you are able

Acolyte - Miya Nielsen
Worship Leader - Cindy Morse
Cross Carrier - Alayna Opperman
Organist - John G. Colorado

Communion Stewards - Roxanne Barney
Pastor Emelyn S. Castillo-Colorado

PRELUDE Organist

WELCOME & GREETINGS Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP
WL: Come, beloved of God, to the table of mercy.
People: We come to receive the gifts of His grace.
WL: In Word, in prayer, in bread and cup
People: Christ meets us, strengthens us, and sends us.
WL: Let us draw near with thankful hearts.
ALL: For His grace is our life and our joy.

***HYMN** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* UMH Pg. 577

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**
Heavenly Father, We thank You for the gift of Your grace, freely given through Christ. As we gather today, open our hearts to receive Your Word, strengthen our faith, and guide us to walk in Your truth. May every moment draw us closer to You, and may Your Spirit work through us for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***AFFIRMING OUR HOLY RELATIONSHIPS**
WL: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
WL: Let us pass the Peace of Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *"Come and Go with Me"* Cindy Morse

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor
THE LORD'S PRAYER

APPRECIATING GOD WITH OUR GIFTS
L: Friends, the means of grace are God's channels of blessing ways He pours His love into our lives through Word, prayer, fellowship, and service. As we give today, we participate in that grace, becoming vessels through which God's mercy flows to others. Let us offer our gifts with gratitude, trusting that He will use them to extend His grace far beyond what we can see. Let us give joyfully, as recipients and sharers of God's grace.:

***DOXOLOGY** UMH Pg. 94
***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**
Gracious God, through Your Word, prayer, and sacraments, You pour out grace upon us. As we give these offerings, may they be instruments of Your love, bringing hope, healing, and life to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9 12-20 Ella Opperman

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:4b-14 Miya Nielsen

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 21:33-46 Alayna Opperman
L: The Word of God for the people of God **All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE **"The Means of Grace"**
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***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH Pg. 881

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER UMH Pg. 13-15
(see insert page)

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Trust and Obey"* UMH Pg. 467
***PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

EXTINGUISHING THE ALTAR LIGHTS Acolyte

POSTLUDE

Weekly Readings

Monday	Hebrews	11:1-16
Tuesday	Acts	8:1-18
Wednesday	Acts	11:19-26
Thursday	Matthew	21:28-32
Friday	Luke	12:35-40
Saturday	Luke	12:41-48

Finance Update

Thank you for your generous gifts. We need $15,500 for our budget needs each month.

September 6	$3140
September 13	$4391
September 20	$3135
September 27	$1994

Weekly Announcements

Monday	Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Finance Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Shawl Ministry	2:00 p.m.
	Trustees	5:30 p.m.
	AD Council	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Chimes	4:15 p.m
	Education Mtg.	6:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Sunday School	8:45-9:45
	Worship	10:00 a.m.

Norma Hager, Roger Vaughn; Bev Palmer; Judy Mether; Elizabeth DeWinter; Sarah Meany; KJ Clark; Racheal Ward and The Family of Dan Keegan

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