



Forest Grove United Methodist Church

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ONLINE WORSHIP

Sunday, September 26, 2021

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GREETING

Are any among you suffering?

Then let us pray.

Are any cheerful?

Then let us share songs of praise.

Are any among you sick?

Then let us turn to each other for God's healing care.

The prayer of faith will save us

And God will lift us up.

MUSIC MEDITATION

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

FWS 2193

OPENING PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for though you do as you please, your pleasure is justice with compassion. We worship you, O God, for though you choose your servants as you wish, you elect people who are called to serve all in obedience to you. We are awed by the powers of nature, but assured that there is no force or being that can overpower you. We are most grateful that you make yourself known to us through the healing and saving power of Jesus Christ, our Leader and Friend. Amen.

FIRST READING

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Ruth Sutter

PSALM

Psalm 124 (*responsively*)

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—

**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when foes rose up against us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;**

then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

then the raging waters would have gone over us.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

We have escaped as a bird from the snares of the fowlers;

the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

SECOND READING - James 5:13-20 - Ruth Sutter

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-50

SERMON

“The Power of Prayer”

Rev. Dr. David King

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 884

**We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things,
Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance,
for comfort, and for strength.
We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.
We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.
We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.
We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in the life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MUSIC MEDITATION

Down to the River to Pray

W&S 3164

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve God and neighbor in everything that you do.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE