

19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021

9:30 AM music in the sanctuary begins
9:45 AM livestream begins

We Gather as the Church

Music as We Gather

Welcome (& "The Quest" verse 3)

Opening Prayer

Praiseworthy

Bill Humphrey

Lora Moore

Sojourning God, your Spirit exists everywhere, on every path, inviting us to move with curiosity and compassion toward each other. May we see that our home paths are the unfamiliar paths for someone else. With renewed compassion, open our hearts for hospitality, so that in our welcoming, we will grow together in peace, expand our chances for love, and deepen understanding right where we are. Nudge and guide us, we pray; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "Welcome" (verses 1 & 3) *Green Hymnal #3152*

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture Reading John 15:1-17

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message "Returning Home"

Bill Humphrey

Anthem "Coming Home"

We Respond to God's Word

Reflecting on the Journey

"Stepping In"

There is a prayer like a wide river.

It never ends, does not begin.

Around the world, it's always flowing,

And I am stepping in. We are stepping in.

Reflection Questions on Slides

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(in 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response: "Stepping In"

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Invitation to Give and to Serve God

We Scatter to Serve

Hymn "May You Run and Not Be Weary" *Black Hymnal #2281*

Blessing

Music as We Leave: "The Quest" (verse 3)

Coming home, we set our seeing

to hold onto deeper meaning;

loving life and making home a place for all

the creation and its beings.

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Welcome

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,
Singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;
All are welcome in this place.

Let's dream together of the day
when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where our mourning turns to dancing,
every creature lifts its voice,
Crying welcome! welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;
All are welcome in this place.

May You Run and Not Be Weary

May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

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