

October 1st
18th Sunday After Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED
Come Away to A Lonely Place
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PRELUDE

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness #2120

SILENT PRAYER

*HYMN: Morning Has Broken #145

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***Call To Worship**

L: Trust in the Lord and do good.

P: May the Lord give strength to the people!

L: O taste and see that the Lord is good!

P: God is our refuge and strength.

***Prayer of Invocation**

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2: 11 – 22

Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53-56

*HYMN: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee #430

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #95

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Holy God of infinite patience and grace, we bring our offerings today knowing that our actions too often don't live up to our intentions and aspirations. When calling ourselves Christians, we announce ourselves as followers of Christ, knowing how many times our choices have made us unrecognizable as his disciples. Yet you wait patiently for us to find our way back to the path. May our giving this day and our living reflect our desire to be on the path that would be recognized as faithful to the Savior, in whose blessed name we pray. Amen. (Matthew 21:23-32)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*HYMN It Is Well with My Soul #377

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
