

**September 29, 2019** 

Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:50am

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Karla Leuenberg and Tresa Hohmann, pianists

WELCOME AND PRAYER Sallie Page-Goertz, worship leader

\*HYMN #43 Christ is our cornerstone

## WE LISTEN AND LEARN

**CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN** 

Tara Lindahl

#### MENTOR RECOGNITION

Ashton Wells and Sarah Neher

Congregational Response: We are thankful for these young people, their parents, and their mentors. We pray that as a congregation, we continue to be a place for our youth to be deeply rooted and grow in ever unfolding ways. We promise to support and pray for these mentoring relationships. May God bless each of you as you continue to grow together.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:38-48

You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**SERMON** 

How to out-virtue a pharisee

Fred Heeran

HYMN (see back of bulletin)

Gentle God, when we are driven

## WE RESPOND AND SHARE

#### **SHARING JOY**

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

**Choral Prayer** 

No More a Stranger or a Guest Jesse Graber, violin

arr. White

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

#### **OFFERING**

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor <u>before</u> the worship service.



Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Rainbow Room), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

### WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

#### \*SENDING FORTH PRAYER

Please remain standing for the closing hymn and postlude.

\*HYMN #68 SJ

O hear, my people

#### \*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. Songs designated "SJ" are in the green *Sing the Journey* hymnal. As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

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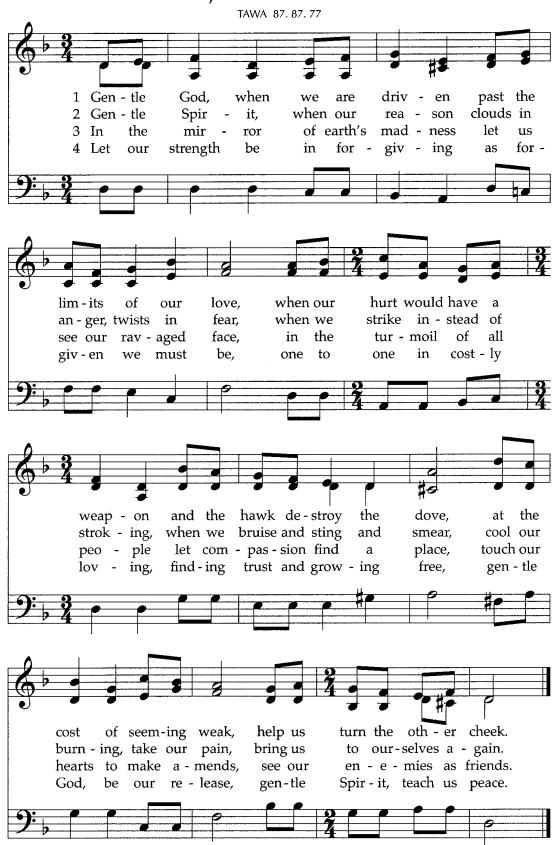
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