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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## Welcome

### Announcements

*Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.*

Prelude                    “*Oh How He Loves You and Me*”     Kaiser/Bock

### **Prayer of Preparation** (*for your personal use, during Prelude*)

*Gracious Lord and God, we know that we will remain less than the whole persons you have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, so we bow before you and pray.*

*Amen*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### **\*Call to Worship – From Psalm 19:7-11; 14**

**L:**    The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul.  
The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**P:**    **The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living.**

**L:**    Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair.

**P:**    **They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb.**

**L:**    They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them.

**P:**    **May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

**\*Hymn     “*Anywhere With Jesus I Can Safely Go*” RED #328**

## Litany of Confession

L God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us;

**P: save us and help us.**

L: For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us:

**P: save us and help us.**

L: For failing you by what we do and think and say; Father, forgive us;

**P: save us and help us.**

L: For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us:

**P: save us and help us.**

L: For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us;

**P: save us and help us.**

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

## Assurance of Pardon

### The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

\*Gloria Patri

*“Glory Be to the Father”*

PH #579

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

New Testament Reading/Sermon Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Sermon

*“The Infinite Value of Knowing Christ”*

Pastor Edgecombe

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### **\*Affirmation of Faith - “A Brief Statement of Faith”**

*(This is found in the front of the Red Hymnal Book – Section B)*

**\*Hymn**                    *“Are Ye Able, ’ Said the Master”*                    **RED #383**

### **Prayers of the People**

As prayers are offered:

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **Offering**

**Offertory**

*“Amazing Grace”*

Hughes

**\*Doxology**

**PH #591**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*Hymn**                    *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*                    **RED #451**

### **\*Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

*“Toccata in F Major”*

Buxtehude

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

WORSHIP LEADER:

Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

ORGANIST:

Emma Lou Denton

PIANIST:

Rich Ford

GREETER/USHER:

Camilla Long

LITURGIST:

Dave Long

***\*Please stand, if able***

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