

# ✚ 19th Sunday after Pentecost ✚

October 15, 2017 10:00 A.M.

## GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.*

### ◆Prelude

### ◆Call to Worship (In Unison)

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God, the Maker of heaven and earth, who comes to our aid in times of need, who gives us the courage to do what we know is right, who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us and confess Him alone as Savior and Lord. This is our God! Let's worship together.

### ◆Song of Praise (BH #395) *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

### ◆Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

## WORD

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Isaiah 51:1-6

### ◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

### Pastoral Prayer

### ◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #296) *All Praise to God Who Reigns Above (vs. 1,2,4)*

Message "Look to the Rock from which you were cut"  
(Studies in Covenant Identity)  
Rev. Dr. Dave Kersten

## RESPONSE

### ◆Hymn of Response (BH #368) *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

### Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

God, we confess that we have not always looked to You for our provision, hope, and guidance. We have looked for and to other things of this world that have led us astray, through which our worship and prayers have faltered. You set before us the ways of life and death. You gift us with rules to live by; people to show us the way. Yet, in the freedom you wove into our beings, we resist you. We play with your rules, we follow your people and your ways when it is convenient. We leave so much undone, so many unloved and ignored. Too often we walk away as if what we do or leave undone does not matter. You know what it would take to make us understand, to open our hearts to a true desire to do the right thing for nothing else but love of you, our neighbor, and ourselves. God, we ask you to do it. Confront us, transform us, encourage and sustain us that we might, with joy and thanksgiving, be more faithful in our witness to you in Christ's name. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

### Words of Assurance (Pastor)

Remember from where you come. God has made you from the family of Abraham and Sarah; you have been molded and shaped by God and by their ancestors. Turn to the Lord and He will have mercy on you; and to God, for he will freely pardon. Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We are forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life. Feel that forgiveness in your heart. We are His children. Amen.

### Passing of the Peace

### Life Together

### Offering

Offertory

◆ *Doxology (BH #48) Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

### ◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #670) *Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go*

### ◆Benediction

## Postlude

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

<b>NOTES OF INTEREST</b>
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Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Hazel Carlson, Greg Goetz, Carol Latimer, Lorraine Sorensen, Linda Stearns (Pryme Tymers "Happygrams"), Linnea Wimpenny.

Thank you to Rev. Dr. Dave Kersten, Dean of North Park Theological Seminary, for making yourself available this morning while Pastor Mark is out of town.

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Rev. Mark Westlind.....	Interim Pastor
Stuart Seale.....	Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....	Organists
Amanda Fulton.....	Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
Karen Christakos.....	Church Secretary
Joe Michalowicz.....	Custodian

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sun. Oct 15 12 P.M. Let's Do Lunch-Camp Fundraiser
- Tue. Oct 17 11 A.M. Covenant Women/Miriam Circle lunch, program and meeting
- Tue. Oct. 17 November Messenger articles due
- Wed. Oct. 18 6:30 P.M. "It's a Kingdom Thing" class presented by Pastor Mark (light supper at 6 PM)
- Thur. Oct. 26 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers
- Fri. Oct. 27 6 P.M. Noah's Ark Preschool – Pizza Night Fundraiser
- Tues. Oct. 31 10 A.M. Noah's Ark Halloween Party

**It's a Kingdom Thing**

Pastor Mark invites you to join him on Wednesday evenings starting October 18 through December 6 for his class that looks deeply into what the Gospel means for our lives.

We will meet at 6 PM for a light dinner; class begins at 6:30 P.M. and concludes at 8 P.M.

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY**

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Calendar for the Week:**

**Today:**

- 10 A.M. Worship
- 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11 A.M. Let's Do Lunch Camp Fundraiser, Peterson Hall

**This Week:**

- Mon.-Fri. 9:00 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool
- Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study
- Tues. 11 A.M. Covenant Women program, lunch, meeting
- Tues. November Messenger articles are due.
- Wed. 6:00 P.M. Light dinner prior to Pastor Mark's class
- Wed. 6:30 P.M. "It's A Kingdom Thing" class, presented by Pastor Mark
- Thur. 7:00 P.M. Church Board meeting

**Next Sunday:**

- 10 A.M. Worship
- 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group
- 11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

**Oct. 22 – Nursery Helpers:** Melissa Panush, Lori Cavallone  
**Greeters:** Joel & Nancy Mondry, Keith

**Announcements:**

**Adult Sunday School**

In October Jenny DeVivo continues her topic on the Nicene Creed. As early Christians wrestled with their understanding of Jesus and determined what was orthodoxy and what was heresy, the theologically dense Nicene Creed states many foundational beliefs about Christ and Christianity. Join us in the Fireside Room at 11:30. **Note: no class on October 15 due to Let's Do Lunch-Camp Fundraiser.**

**Carson's Community Day Books**

Noah's Ark Preschool is selling Carson's Community Days coupon books for \$5. The book contains over \$500 in coupons. Get good prices on the latest fashions and help support our preschool at the same time! Community Days

are Wednesday-Saturday, November 8-11. All proceeds go towards the school. Please see Ms. Amanda (708-969-3481).

**Today's Scripture:**  
**Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup>They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup>"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."<sup>20</sup>Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Isaiah 51:1-6**

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness  
and who seek the LORD:

Look to the rock from which you were cut  
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

<sup>2</sup>look to Abraham, your father,  
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

When I called him he was only one man,  
and I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will surely comfort Zion  
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;  
he will make her deserts like Eden,  
her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.

Joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

<sup>4</sup>"Listen to me, my people;  
hear me, my nation:  
Instruction will go out from me;  
my justice will become a light to the nations.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near speedily,  
my salvation is on the way,  
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.

The islands will look to me  
and wait in hope for my arm.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
look at the earth beneath;  
the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment  
and its inhabitants die like flies.

But my salvation will last forever,  
my righteousness will never fail.

**Covenant Women Give Back**

On Tuesday, October 17 at 11 A.M. in the Fireside Room after Bible Study, join the Covenant Women/Miriam Circle for a luncheon and program. A meeting will follow to discuss JulFest preparations.

Most of us have enjoyed the bounty of food that our "Larry Thomas" brings to us quite often. Larry volunteers at the Affordable Recovery Foundation in Blue Island, a facility where homeless recovering addicts (both men and women) can get room/board, food/shelter, help finding a job, and counseling for \$35 a day. We can help the residents by donating "new" or "gently used" clothing, as well as toiletries. There is a "Wish List" on the Covenant Women bulletin board for items needed (please note, most residents work in factories and cannot use "dressy" clothes.) Please drop off your donations to the Overflow Room before October 17 when we will present the donations to Larry.



Please RSVP to Lorraine Weszely today, October 15.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Noah's Ark Preschool  
Pizza Night Fundraiser!!

**When:** Friday October 27 6:00 P.M.

**Where:** Noah's Ark Preschool and  
Trinity Covenant Church in Peterson Hall  
9230 S. Pulaski Oak Lawn

Kids come in costume

All you can eat pizza and salad!!!!

\$6.00 per person, children 2 and under are FREE

Raffle tickets will be 6 for \$5.00

Please purchase tickets in advance from  
Ms. Amanda

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RSVP - Noah's Ark Preschool Pizza Night Oct. 27

We can attend: \_\_\_\_\_

How many adults \_\_\_\_\_ children \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Attention!!!

A great new class is being offered.  
It is a class on "The Kingdom".

Sometimes we can call it "The Upside Down Kingdom!" Indeed one of the books we will use goes by that title. It is a class that looks deeply into what the Gospel means for our lives. We will traverse familiar territory, but sometimes we will discover that the application is a little different than what we had previously perceived.

The class is offered by Pastor Mark and is taught on Wednesday evenings starting on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 6:00 P.M. starting with a light dinner. At 6:30 P.M. we will begin our class which will conclude at 8:00 P.M. For those of you bringing your Jr. Hi and High School kids to youth group, you do not even have to go home and return!

The cost of the class is free, but there will be a nominal charge for journals and books used. The class is slated for a duration of 8 weeks. Come join us in this adventure! Pastor Mark likes this class so much; he is flying back from a conference so as to not miss the starting day!



Sign up if you would like to attend the class:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_