***Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

10:00

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 Zion Lutheran Church Camas, Washington

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***“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”***

Prelude *“How Great Is Our God”* Chris Tomlin

**INTRODUCTION**

*Today’s gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus’ saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God’s law. Jesus’ rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

Welcome and Announcements

*Stand – if standing is difficult please feel free to remain seated*

Call to Worship

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of Creation; you who created the horses,

 camels, and dogs to help us in our work.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of Creation; you who created the puppies

 and kittens, goldfish and hamsters,

C: ***for the sake of our comfort you give us domestic animals as***

 ***companions.***

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of Creation; you created the sparrows,

 eagles, and doves who remind us of how we are cared for by you.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of Creation;

C: ***you created the ants, and bees to teach us about diligence and***

 ***hard work.***

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of Creation; let us marvel at your great

 wonders in creation from the elephant to the flea.

C: ***We thank you for creating such amazing creatures. How***

 ***wonderful are the works of your hands! Help us care for all of***

 ***your creation, O God. Amen.***

Prayer of the Day

P: Sovereign God,

C: ***you have created us to live in loving community with one***

 ***another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and***

 ***teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect***

 ***the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

*Sit*

Opening Song *“Blessed Be Your Name”* Beth Redman, Matt Redman

 Blessed be Your name

 In the land that is plentiful

 Where Your streams of abundance flow

 Blessed be Your name

 Blessed be Your name

 When I'm found in the desert place

 Though I walk through the wilderness

 Blessed be Your name

 Every blessing You pour out

 I'll turn back to praise

 When the darkness closes in, Lord

 Still I will say

 Blessed be the name of the Lord

 Blessed be Your name

 Blessed be the name of the Lord

 Blessed be Your glorious name

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 Blessed be Your name

 When the sun's shining down on me

 When the world's 'all as it should be’

 Blessed be Your name

 Blessed be Your name

 On the road marked with suffering

 Though there's pain in the offering

 Blessed be Your name

 Every blessing You pour out

 I'll turn back to praise

 When the darkness closes in, Lord

 Still I will say

 Blessed be the name of the Lord

 Blessed be Your name

 Blessed be the name of the Lord

 Blessed be Your glorious name *Repeat*

 You give and take away

 You give and take away

 My heart will choose to say

 Lord, blessed be Your name *Repeat*

Blessed be the name of the Lord

 Blessed be Your name

 Blessed be the name of the Lord

 Blessed be Your glorious name

**WORD**

Bible Reading Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” 19So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsive Reading Psalm 8

L: O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

C: ***you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the***

 ***mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress***

 ***against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.***

L: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the

 moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

C: ***what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,***

 ***human beings that you should care for them?***

L: Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and

 honor you crown them.

C: ***You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you***

 ***have put all things under their feet:***

L: all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

C: ***the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes***

 ***along the paths of the sea.***

L: O Lord our Lord,

C: ***how majestic is your name in all the earth!***

Bible Reading Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4having become as much superior to angels as

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the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. 2:5Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? 7You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,9but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.  10It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

*Stand*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” 3He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” 4They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” 5But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. 6But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ 7‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”  10Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; 12and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”  13People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” 16And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

*Sit*

Children’s Message

Message Leslee Froehlich

*Stand*

*“Kyrie Eleison”* Larry Olson

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.

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1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to

 the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; That we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us

 pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and

 family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to

 the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.

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4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and

 the word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let

 us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.

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Apostles’ Creed

 ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and***

 ***earth.***

 ***I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was***

 ***conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered***

 ***under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he***

 ***descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he***

 ***ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the***

 ***Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

 ***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the***

 ***communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of***

 ***the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The Prayers

Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history.

Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, that

they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel.

 *(After each petition,* P: Lord, in your mercy, C: ***hear our prayer.****)*

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to

you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Peace

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: ***And also with you.***

*Sit*

Special Music *“Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”*

Sebastian Temple, Jane Holstein

(Prayer of St. Francis)

Prayer of Preparation

P: God of abundance,

C: ***you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain***

 ***from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite***

 ***them with the offering of our lives nourish the world you love so***

 ***dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

*Stand*

Words of Institution

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 and ever.***

 ***Amen.***

Invitation to Communion

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and

 keep you in God’s grace, now and always. ***Amen.***

Prayer after Communion

P: Lord of life,

C: ***in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our***

 ***faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with***

 ***shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in***

 ***Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

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Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and protect you.

 May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace. In

 the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Sending Song *“How Majestic Is Your Name”* Michael W. Smith

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! O Lord, our

Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! O Lord, we praise

Your name! O Lord, we magnify Your name: Prince of Peace, Mighty

God, O Lord God Almighty! *Repeat*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share Jesus with the world.

C: ***Thanks be to God!***

Today’s Flowers – Ursula Richards

To the Glory of God and in memory of my mother, **Margaret Ehrlich**

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