



19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020

Golden Calf

*God's and Israel's newly re-formed relationship is a learning experience for them both.
Both need to learn the ways of the other.*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Announcements

Call to Worship

Wandering in the desert;
lost, without direction,
yet still they sought the One.

We wander in our own wilderness,
and still we come, we gather, we seek God.
Here we are, Holy One,
come to worship you.

Gathering Music

At the Foot of the Cross

Light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it.

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of all ages,

You have chosen us as your own, yet we so often live as if it were not so. We give in to things which are not good for us. We believe we know better than you. We refuse to put our trust in your promises. Sweep away our foolishness and bring us back into a trusting relationship with the one who has lovingly created us and longs to be our strength and life.

Dear people, hear the joyful words that God has forgiven us! Our misdeeds and folly are forgotten; grace and mercy abound. Let us give thanks that we have a compassionate creator! **Amen.**

Opening Song

Uyamiose

Uyaimose, tinamate Mwari;
uyaimose, tinamate Mwari;
uyaimose, tinamate Mwari;
uyaimose Zvino.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, You do not punish us as our deeds deserve, but rather show compassion to your wayward people. May we in turn show grace to others, that love may abound, and all may know your mercy, through Jesus our savior. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

The Hebrew people were alone and frightened in a new land. Their leader had disappeared up a mountain and hadn't been seen since. Their instinct was to return to the gods they knew—the gods of Egypt. When God's wrath burned hot for them, Moses reminded God that God needed to learn the ways of the people before the people could learn the ways of God.

**Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord
Emmanuel God is with us
Blessed Redeemer living Word**

Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Lord of the Small

- Dan Forrest

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.**

Prayers

Red ELW 752

Sung before prayers

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

So often we miss the mark, just as the ancient Israelites did, when we look to other sources to fill our need for you, O Lord. Forgive us for all the foolish ways in which we fail to trust you, and gently lead us back onto the path that leads to life.

Patient God, **Hear our prayer.**

As our Jewish sisters and brothers celebrate the gift of your holy word, we rejoice that we have also received the words which proclaim your promises of never-ending love and eternal life for all your people.

Patient God, **Hear our prayer.**

Sometimes this world seems full of danger and fury, with storms and conflict raging around us. Give us peace in the middle of the tempest and assure us that your presence has never left us.

Patient God, **Hear our prayer.**

Help those who have been misled by cults and harmful ideologies to find their way back to your life-giving grace. Be with all who feel abandoned or isolated, and send your healing spirit to those whom we name this day...

Patient God, **Hear our prayer.**

Whether we live or die, we belong to you, O Lord. Assure us of the promise of your resurrection, and when our time on earth is finished, unite us once more with all your saints in light.

Patient God, **Hear our prayer.**

Other petitions may be offered.

Receive our prayers into your merciful arms, for the sake of Jesus our savior and friend.

Amen.

Offering of Gifts

Heavenly Father, in response to your faithful promises, we offer our gifts for the sake of your kingdom. These gifts were first given to us by you and now, we gratefully return them for your Church. May you bless them and multiply their impact for the sake of the poor, the hungry and suffering in the world. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

Temple Talk

Auraria Campus Ministries

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✨ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

Sending Song

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Red ELW 543

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Melancholy Reflection

- Schoenmehl



Participants

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