Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost INVITATION AND GATHERING

OCTOBER 4, 2020

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Come as you are, assured that you dwell in the blessings of the Lord. Open yourself to holy wisdom. Prepare yourself for humble service.

*SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 1:11-24

* OPENING HYMN: 176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together to celebrate God's power to change people's lives.

People: We give thanks for the many lives transformed by God's power and grace.

Leader: The Christ who revealed himself to Paul and transformed his life can do the same for us.

People: We pray for Christ to visit us and remake us to be his faithful disciples.

* Let us pray (Congregation):

Almighty God, whose powerful love is able to change the lifestyle of even the worst of sinners: Remold us by your love to become new persons in Christ, ready to share our faith with others. We pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: 348 Soft & Tenderly, Jesus is Calling (Vs. 1 & 4)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)

Our Lord, we have convinced ourselves to believe that we are what we are instead of what we can become with your help. Forgive us for our defeat by looking at our own weakness instead of becoming new persons by the power you make available to us. Raise us up to the full stature of new being with such enthusiasm that we will share the good news with others. We pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: 349 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Listen for God's word as we draw near to Jesus who has the power to make us whole. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus on whom our faith depends from the beginning to the end.

*SCRIPTURE READING: James 4:1-12

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: "Restoring Our Relationships"

* RESPONSE TO THE WORD: 641 Fill My Cup Lord CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

* PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

CLOSING HYMN: 102 Now Thank We All Our God (Vs, 1)

HOLY COMMUNION

*DISMISSAL BLESSING