

# SEACOAST SHARED MINISTRY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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HYMN

*Come thou fount of every blessing*

Hymnal 686

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.  
But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.  
And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
‘Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!’  
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause. (NRSV)

## SECOND READING

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (NRSV)

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Creator Spirit, by whose aid* Hymnal 500

**GOSPEL** Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' (NRSV)

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**TRINITY CHURCH** Audrey, Ayyad, Barbara, Bob, Bruce, Carol, Cassidy, Charlie, Christine, Dan, Elyse, Ginny, Mary Lou, Mike, Noah, Robert, Rosemarie, Sally, Wes & Anne, David and Sandy

**CHRIST CHURCH** Erin, Gary, Peter, Robert & Jennifer

**OFFERTORY** *Hope of the world* Hymnal 472

**COMMUNION** *O Master let me walk with thee* Hymnal 660

**CLOSING HYMN** *Go forth for God* Hymnal 347

Rockingham County is a place of substantial community transmission of COVID-19. From the CDC: "To maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public."

**Thank You** to Al Lightner, Cindy Taylor, and Tena and John Wolf for your work on Christ Church's grounds! It looks lovely. Thanks!

**Thank you to all who helped with Christ Church's Fall Fair !** It wouldn't have happened without all of you or without Tena Wolf's coordination of the event!

***Church Cracked Open Book Study*** If you signed up for the book study, we have reached out to you via email to coordinate the best dates and times to meet. Betty Lane has purchased 10 copies of the book for the group. To get one for yourself, see her at Christ Church or contact her at [bquality@comcast.net](mailto:bquality@comcast.net).

**Search Committee: Return Your Survey** Have you returned your survey to the Search Committee yet? Several folks already have. It only takes a few minutes, so don't be left out! Your ideas and opinions are important and will be a big help to your Bishop's Committee, to Rev. Jason Wells, our Transition Priest-in-Charge, as well as to the Search Committee. Your responses are anonymous so they won't know what you said, only what the congregations said. **Please** send your survey back soon. Every voice counts.

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**Immigrant Solidarity Walk** sponsored by the NH Council of Churches will run from Thursday, September 23 through Saturday, September 25. Participants will walk from Manchester to Dover over the course of these three days and you are welcome to join us! In the evenings we will hold educational, prayerful or discussion-focused events open to the public.

The ends at the Strafford County Jail in Dover, where ICE jails people slated for their deportation. If can only attend one part of the Walk, please come for the moving prayer vigil at the Dover jail!

We need walkers, but also need other volunteers to support the walkers. Details and sign-up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/SolidarityWalk2021> (Questions? Email Sarah Jane Knoy: [sjknoy@granitestateorganizing.org](mailto:sjknoy@granitestateorganizing.org))

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