

# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 am**

**September 19, 2021**  
**Morning Prayer, Rite II**

*Watch live on our Facebook page and our website at 10 am, and on our YouTube channel after the service.*

Prelude      *Vater unser im Himmelreich* (Our Father in Heaven) - Johann Schneider

Welcome & Announcements

Seminarian Karen Mercer  
St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Officiant*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATION AND PSALTER

*Officiant*

O Lord, open our lips.

*Officiant and People*

**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

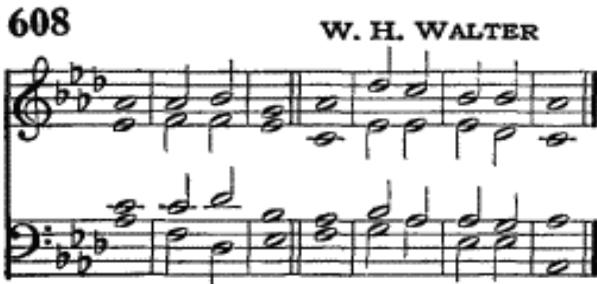
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Alleluia. Amen.**

*Officiant*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7*



- 1 Come, let us sing to' the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock' of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with' thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout' to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a' great God, \*  
and a great King' above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of' the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills' are his al-so.

5 The sea is his, for' he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded' the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend' the knee, \*  
and kneel be-fore' the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the  
sheep of' his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hear-k-'en to his voice!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy'Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev-'er. Amen.**

PSALM 1

*Read responsively by whole verse*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

THE LESSONS

Reader: A Reading from the Book of James

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 2

**A Song of Praise** - *Benedictus es, Domine*  
*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34, S180*

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God: he is the Holy One.

Blessèd art thou, O Lord God of our fathers;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessèd art thou for the Name of thy Majesty;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessèd art thou in the temple of thy holiness;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessèd art thou that beholdest the depths,  
and dwellest between the Cherubim;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessèd art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessèd art thou in the firmament of heaven;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessèd art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

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 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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Seminarian Karen Mercer

CANTICLE 18

**The First Song to the Lamb - *Dignus es*, S261**

- 1 Splendor and honor and kingly power  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
- 2 For you created everything that is,  
and by your will they were created and have their being;
- 3 And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
- 4 From every family, language, people, and nation,  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
- 5 And so, to him who sits upon the throne,

and to Christ the Lamb,

6 Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,  
for ever and for evermore.

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are yours by right, O Lord our God,

2 For you created everything that is,  
and by your will they were created and have their being.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Officiant*    Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

#### THE SUFFRAGES

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

#### A COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### PRAYERS FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The People may add their own prayers and intercessions either silently or aloud.*

God be in my head,  
and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes,  
and in my looking;

God be in my mouth,  
and in my speaking;

God be in my heart,  
and in my thinking;

God be at mine end,  
and at my departing.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People:*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*Officiant*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

HYMN - 492

*Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness*

1 Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness,  
wake your noblest, sweetest strain,  
with the praises of your Savior  
let his house resound again;  
him let all your music honor,  
and your songs exalt his reign.

2 Sing how he came forth from heaven,  
bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,  
stooped to wear the servant's vesture,  
bore the pain, the cross, the grave,  
passed within the gates of darkness,  
thence his banished ones to save.

3 So, he tasted death for mortals,

he, of humankind the head,  
sinless one, among the sinful,  
Prince of life, among the dead;  
thus he wrought the full redemption,  
and the captor captive led.

4 Now on high, yet ever with us,  
from his Father's throne the Son  
rules and guides the world he ransomed,  
till the appointed work be done,  
till he see, renewed and perfect,  
all things gathered into one.

Postlude

*Elegy* – William Walton

### **Worship Participants**

Officiant: Seminarian Karen Mercer

Music Director: Greg Seseck

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong

Acolyte: Mason Strong

Usher: Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Hospitality: The Strong Family

### **Lay Participants for Sunday, September 26**

Lector: Fran Gunshol

Acolyte: Greg Szymaszek

Usher: Fran Gunshol

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Hospitality: Loretta Cunninghame

*Please remember those on our current prayer list ...*

Sandy & Jack, Virginia, Timothy, Margaret S. & family, Jackie & Rick, Louis, David D., Caitlyn, Alice, Shannon T., Marisa, Debbie R., Tom T., Bill P., Casey, Ron L., Ron S., John C., Norma Jean, and Betsey.

*... as well as those with ongoing needs:*

Sally, Debbie, Shannon, Norma, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Marge, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Joe G., Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Danny, Joe C., Marisa, and Dante.

*Thank you for joining us for morning prayer. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and also remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel. If you are interested in receiving our e-newsletter, please contact Carey Mednick at [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com).*

### ***This Week @ Sherwood***

#### **Sunday**

Youth Formation via Zoom @ 12:30 pm  
Mother Nancy on vacation

#### **Monday**

Office closed

#### **Wednesday**

Office hours 10 am-3 pm  
Bible Study @ Broadmead @ 2 pm

#### **Thursday**

Bible Study via Zoom @ 11 am

### **Morning Prayer, September 19:**

Please note that Mother Nancy will be away on Sunday, September 19. Seminarian Karen Mercer will lead us in Morning Prayer. We hope you enjoy this service that has been a part of the Anglican Church for generations.

### **Last Call for Fall Book Study:**

Everyone is welcome to join our book study on the book *Waking Up White*, by Debby Irving. This is an excellent book to begin the difficult conversation on racism. You may find yourself resonating with what Debby experiences. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the conversation. Anne Wismer will be the facilitator and the day/time will be determined by those who enroll. Enrollment deadline is September 19. Email Carey Mednick [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com)/410-666-2180 if you are interested.

### **While Mother Nancy is Away:**

The Rev. Dr. Amy Slaughter Myers will be the priest on call in the event you encounter a pastoral emergency. If you need assistance please reach out to Senior Warden, BerNee Arnold at 443-255-9599. BerNee will work with Carey, Karen, and Amy+ to determine how best to support your needs.

### **UCAN Helping to Change Lives:**

Mother Nancy sits on the Board of United Churches Assistance Network (UCAN) that provides emergency assistance with electric bills and rent to local residents. At their recent board meeting, it was reported that thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor who is helping UCAN, UCAN was able to pay out \$152,000 in rental assistance this summer. The board members who also volunteer in the office shared how grateful and humbled people were when receiving the financial support. Sherwood is one of the churches that supports UCAN and is proud of the work it is doing for the Cockeyville community.

### **Pantry on the Go~Save the Date!**

We plan to have a team from Sherwood to volunteer at Pantry on the Go on Tuesday, October 5, from 4-6 pm. Pantry on the Go is run by St. Francis Episcopal

Parish and Community Center on Pot Spring Rd. in Timonium. Put the date on your calendar and there will be more information to come.

**Clarification:**

In last week's article *Protecting God's Creation, Part 3*, there was a water-saving tip that advised using a plastic bottle in your toilet's tank. Please note to be effective, this bottle needs to have 1-2 inches of sand or pebbles at the bottom and then filled with tap water. If your tank is big enough, you may be able to put in two bottles full of sand/pebbles and tap water.



**Talented Sewers Needed:**

*Please take a look at this request from Cockeysville Middle School's band director, James Carlson to see if you or someone you know can help:*

As you may be aware, in order for our CMS Band students to play in class, we require specific PPE, including masks and bell coverings. While PPE has been ordered through the county, currently most music PPE companies are on back order, meaning it could be weeks before we receive these items and can finally play together in class. So, we're looking to get creative!

We are looking for any individuals with sewing skills who can help us reverse engineer the masks and bell coverings that we need! If you have a sewing machine

and some free time, we would love for you to help out! Fabric and materials would be provided for you, all you need to provide is your time and careful expertise!

To add to this, we are looking for some ideas on how best to recreate these masks and bell coverings. Example pictures of each are provided above—if you think you have an idea of how to make this happen, please email Marian Garven [mgarven@bcps.org](mailto:mgarven@bcps.org) (music department chair) or James Carlson [jcarlson4@bcps.org](mailto:jcarlson4@bcps.org) (band director)

Thank you all so much for your continued support of our music community at CMS!

## **Protecting God’s Creation Part 4**

*A Series About Sherwood’s Water Management Initiative*

*by Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong,  
Sherwood Hill Green Team Leader*

What do the Grand Canyon, Great Lakes, and New Orleans all have in common? They were all shaped and formed by the movement of water.

Like a toddler, water doesn’t like to stay still. It is always moving from one form to another, ice melting to water evaporating into vapor. And it is always moving from one place to another downhill, underground, through the ocean via currents, waves, and tides overhead in clouds and storms.

As water moves, it changes the land in a process called erosion.

It has taken the Colorado River approximately 6 million years to create the Grand Canyon. The southern half of the great state of Louisiana exists thanks to the work of the Mississippi River. For 7,000 years, the Muddy Mississippi has carried sediment from 31 states and 2 provinces and deposited them creating new land. And the Great Lakes? Well, they have the Laurentide Glacier to thank. 18,000 years ago, the 2.5-mile-thick glacier scraped its way across the land flattening mountains and

carving valleys. When the climate warmed and the glacier retreated and melted, water filled in the giant depressions.

While these iconic examples illustrate the power water has to shape the landscape over long periods of time on landscape levels, water is busy moving and shaking things up everywhere it goes, even in your backyard. Scientists have calculated the terminal velocity of a single rain drop to be between 16-25 miles per hour and can splash soil particles, moving them up to three feet away. That's just one drop.

Water erosion comes through four main vehicles—ice (glacial movement) and rivers we talked about. Then there are coastal waters, waves crashing upon the shores of a continent breaking down big rocks into smaller rocks. Finally, there is rain. Rainfall produces four types of soil erosion: splash erosion, sheet erosion, rill erosion, and gully erosion.

Sherwood's campus is actively being shaped by the erosive forces of water rushing down Sherwood hill carving out a large gully behind the church.

Water gives and water takes. Let us not forget that the Bible contains both the story of the flood and baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. Water was given to the Israelites when thirsting in the desert and drowned the Egyptians in hot pursuit. Jesus washed the disciples' feet in water and when his side was pierced blood and water came out—a source of life for God's new creation.

It is no accident that the water shaping Sherwood's land is also shaping Sherwood's congregation— pushing us to learn more about God's creation and how to respect and protect it.