

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 22, 2024 — 11:00 AM

Thought for the Day

“Jesus’ ministry had roots in grace expressed primarily through the quality of presence: the way he chose to be present, in relationship and in the company of others, even with those who wished him harm.”

— John Paul Lederach, *Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians*

Prelude **Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten**
by Georg Böhm

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn **Breathe on Me, Breath of God (#461)**

*Call to Worship (Adapted from 1 Corinthians 13)

Leader: If we speak in the tongues of people or of angels, but do not have love, we are only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

All: If we have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if we have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, we gain nothing.

Leader: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

All: Love does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Leader: Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

All: Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

*Prayer of the Day

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Oh Lord, Your greatest commandment is to love You and our neighbor as ourselves. In times of conflict, let love prevail. Give us the capacity to love even when it’s difficult, show kindness even when faced with hostility or conflict, and remain humble even in disagreement. We pray this in the name of the One who came to bring peace, Christ Our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Give

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Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving (#34)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture James 3:13-4:3

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. ¹ What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Leader: The Word of The Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem **Blessed Is the Man**

by Jane Marshall

Message **Working on Our Faith:** Dr. Alan R. Rudnick
Our Conflicts

*Closing Hymn **Just a Closer Walk With Thee (#504)**

*Benediction

Postlude **Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten**
by Georg Böhm

Worship Assistant: Bruce Paulsen

Livestream Tech: Glenn Blair

**Please stand as you are able.*

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
Dinner at 5:30 PM
Speaker at 6:15 PM
Miller Commons



October 2

David Van Slyke, Ph.D.
Dean of the Maxwell School of Citizenship
and Public Affairs at Syracuse University



October 9

Ryan McMahon
Onondaga County Executive



October 16

Bishop H. Bernard Alex
Senior Pastor/Teacher at Victory Temple Fellowship
Church and Town of DeWitt Board Member



October 23

M. Gail Hammer, Ph.D.
Professor of Religion, Syracuse University



October 30

Bishop Colette Matthews Carter
Director, The El-Hindi Center for Dialogue & Action
at Interfaith Works

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Ben Titus, Associate Minister
Rev. William A. Carlsen, Adjunct Minister

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**WORKING ON
OUR FAITH:**

Our Conflicts

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