

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9 October 2022

The Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio

Seeking to know and serve Christ in loving
service to the campus, the community,
and the world.

Today's printed [Order of Worship](#)



Lessons

For the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23-Tract 2):

Old Testament – 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15

Psalm 111 (SUNG)

New Testament – 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Gospel – Luke 17: 11-19

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The Collect

LORD, WE PRAY that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM Jesus was going



through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return

and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Sermon

“Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we proclaim”

When our organist and choir director, Marsha Reilly, selected the sequence hymn for today, little did she know that it would be really quite helpful to us as we try to comprehend the activities of this week in God's world.

The first stanza of hymn 628 opens with a prayer: “Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word imparts: to study, that your laws may be inscribed upon our hearts.”

A two-step process: first, learn the truths of God's word. Second, study those truths and seal them in our very being. So as we study and learn the truths of God's word, we seek to find how they might be applied to our own lives and to the world situation.

This hymn is instructive for us as we try to comprehend our world--two more egregious episodes of random, seemingly senseless violence: several people stabbed in Las Vegas, with two reported dead. Another tragedy in Thailand, where a gunman killed 36 people, 24 of whom were children.

Virtually the same day, we saw in the news that the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded. There are three recipients. One is the Center for Civil Liberties in Ukraine, which has been working for years to document evidence of Russian war crimes. A second recipient, Memorial, is one of the oldest civil rights groups in Russia. It has worked for years at

uncovering the crimes of the Stalin regime and has worked to remember the victims of the Gulag. The third is a Belarusian civil rights activist, Ales Bialiatski, now in prison.

These are people and organizations recognized for having lived out their beliefs and principles, as we might seek to do if we wish to identify with the second stanza of our hymn: “Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we proclaim, that all our thoughts and words and deeds may glorify your name.”

Sometimes—especially when we see tragedy and violence flare up in God’s world—it becomes difficult for us to have faith in God as we try to live out that faith.

(A personal anecdote, if I may)

A number of years ago, a tornado struck Xenia, a town where I had previously been rector of the church. At the time of the tornado, I was living in Columbus. The next day, I drove to Xenia and began walking through the streets. I met up with a parishioner of Christ Church who asked, in bewilderment, “Where was God? Why did he let all this happen?” Sadly, I had no answer for him.

That may seem to be our question today as we confront the violence of the stabbing in Las Vegas and the gunman in Thailand, plus of course, the myriad of violent acts that have taken place in school rooms, theaters, home living rooms, and other venues where people congregate or try to live their private, quiet lives. “Where is God in the violence in these places?” we always wonder.

Well, yes, our God is a God of peace, not a God of violence. Yet, as we know, this God of peace does not rule the actions of the men and women who live and move and have their being on this “mortal coil”. Sometimes it is hard to square the belief in a God of love and peace with the hate and violence when we see it, read about it, or personally encounter it in God's world.

Maybe the hymn we sang a few minutes ago has more to tell us in the last stanza, which provides one last plea for moving forward, in a positive way, to serve the Lord: “Help us, O Lord, to teach the beauty of your ways, that yearning souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.”

Yes--our hope is to be like the people of Corinth, whom St. Paul describes as Ambassadors for Christ, women and men living the truths of the gospel in our own lives, bringing the word, the love of Christ, further into God's world, where we can, when we can.

Our prayer is to find ways to put an end to the violence we have just now seen in Las Vegas and Thailand as well as other times and places in our seared memory. Our prayer is to be as Christ-like as possible, remembering and knowing that we have been baptized in his name to be faithful apostles of the One who lived and died for us, that we might take up his cross and go forward in the name of peace and justice.

Perhaps we can all live so that we know that each of us might--in our own way and in our own place—be so positively, faithfully, and peacefully recognized by our friends, family, and companions that they may even find us, too, to be worthy recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize!

A sermon by The Rev. David McCoy, the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9 October 2022, at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio.

Please include in your prayers

IN OUR WORLD, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; we pray for peace with justice throughout the Middle East. We pray for the victims of the coronavirus. We pray for all people affected by natural and environmental disasters. We pray for the people who are suffering from war, especially the people of Ukraine, and we pray for all asylum seekers, immigrants and refugees. We pray for Joe our President, Kamala our Vice-President, Mike, our Governor, the Supreme Court and the members of Congress.

IN OUR DIOCESE, we pray for our Provisional Bishop Wayne, the search process for a new bishop, and for Kenneth, Nedi, and Wendell our assisting bishops.

IN OUR PARISH, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Rector Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associate Priests, Rev. Leslie Flemming, and Rev. David McCoy, for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray for our friends at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Merida, Mexico.

THOSE WHOM OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED: Bud and Carol, Chris L., Gloria R., Jean R., Miriam, Scott, Sharon, T.C., Baby William James, Dana Carlson, Zelma Coleman, Lee Kembell-Cook, Richard DeNune, Roy DePue, Jan Gault, Lindsey and Regina Golden, Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, Debbie Hunsberger, Bob and Nancy Jackson, Peter Kachenko and family,

Jeff Maiden, Julie Nehls, Betty Oltorf, Donald and Junie Oney, Dan and Nancy Reedy, Virginia Richards, Michael Vaughn, Emily Woolsey and we pray for all who care for them. **

ANNIVERSARY: Lauren and Josh Wiener (10/12)

BIRTHDAY: Charles Brient (10/10), Debbie Hillard (10/11), Daniel Dygas (10/15)

** Full names are normally not published online but since the prayer list is not printed for the in-house 10:30 service, we will publish full names unless requested otherwise. If you have a name to be added to the prayer list, Lynn Graham maintains this information. Lynn may be reached at 740-593-5098 or grahammowery@aol.com.

At-Home Worship

Christ Church Cathedral Cincinnati live streams its services Sundays at 10 a.m. These are saved and can be watched anytime later.

<https://cincinnati.cathedral.com/ccclive-streams>

Washington D C -- there's much to explore at the the National Cathedral's online portal. <https://cathedral.org/worship/>

Coming up on the Calendar

Wednesday, October 12, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's

Sunday, October 16, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 16, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Discretionary Sunday)

Thursday, October 20, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. -- Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 23, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 23, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. -- Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 26, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's

Sunday, October 30, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 30, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Events Looking Forward

Nov. 6 (Sunday) Newly Refurbished Organ Celebration 3pm (first in a series)

Nov. 19 (Saturday) Diocese of Southern Ohio Convention Hybrid zoom and in person in Cincinnati

Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Day service 10:30 am

Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Meal for parishioners 1:30 pm

Dec. 24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve 7pm

Dec. 25 (Sunday) Christmas Day 10:30 am

Notes & Announcements (additional items in the Friday Bulletin)



Coats & Winter Gear

It's getting quite chilly lately so the Good Shepherd Thrift Shop is now accepting cold weather gear. We need coats, jackets, heavy sweater, sweat shirts, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens - anything to keep someone warm. We will do a cold-weather-gear give away again this year.

Please place your items in the Sunday School Room so they can be sorted and organized.

And please, out of respect for our clientele, donate items that are gently used

and clean.

Thanks, The Marthas



All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, November 6, 2022. If you would like the name of a deceased loved one added to the All Saints' Roll to be read during the service, please notify our Parish

Administrator, Barbara Martin, no later than

Tuesday, November 1 for inclusion in this year's Necrology. The Church Office telephone number is 740-593-6877, or you can submit names by email at barbara@chogs.org.

Mother Deborah and Michael are on Vacation

Starting Monday, September 26, Mother Deborah and Michael will be out of town on vacation. Please pray for their safe travel. They will return on Oct. 11.

Mother Deborah will not be checking her email while she is away.

Please direct any pastoral emergencies to the Senior Warden, Alex Buckley.

We Are Hiring

CrossRoads Café Staff

Please help us get the word out: we are hiring new staff for our coffee shop ministry. If you or someone you know is interested in working mornings. Pay starts at \$12 an hour. No experience necessary, we provide paid training. The [Full job description](#) is available on our website. Please contact the Rev. Deborah Woolsey at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com for more information or to apply. (She will return your email when she gets back from vacation.)

Video/Media Communications

Assistant for making and posting church videos ([Full job description](#)). Please contact the Rev. Deborah Woolsey at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com for more information or to apply. (She will return your email when she gets back from vacation.)

Volunteers Needed to Serve as Ushers

If you are interested in or feel called to serve as an usher, please contact Mother Deborah.

The ministry of ushers is:

- Warmly greeting people coming into church service by giving them bulletin and mask (if they don't have one already).
- Passing the collection plate at the offertory hymn. - Be available to answer any questions visitors might have (ex. where restrooms are located).
- Help collect discarded bulletins after the service and put them in recycling
- . - Assist Treasurer with counting and reporting on the money collected that day. How often a person serves depends on how many people volunteer.

Scheduling can be flexible. Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to this ministry of welcome and hospitality.

Altar Flower Procedure

Email Lynn Graham (grahammowery@aol.com) or phone her (740-593-5098) to give her your dedication. Lynn will order flowers through Hyacinth Bean Florist and give your name and address for billing. The cost is approximately \$90.00 for the arrangement and delivery. Lynn will print your dedication so that it appears in the e-news and bulletin.

If you wish special flowers or a more elaborate arrangement you can call Polly Creech (740-594-9302), our florist, and make those arrangements with her. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

OPEN DATES FOR FLOWERS FOR 2022

October 16, 23, 30
November 13
December 4, 11, 18

For Bishop Transition News and Updates

[-- Follow this link --](#)

Diocese of Southern Ohio 80th General Convention

Saturday, November 19. Delegates and clergy may attend in person or via zoom. For more see the [DSO E-Connections newsletter](#). Keep up with the latest [Convention information HERE](#).

If you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by climate disaster and war anywhere in the world please consider contributing to [Episcopal Relief and Development \(ERD\)](#) which is the official ministry of the Episcopal Church.

Contacts, Information

Quick Links

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Pandemic Notes:

[Link to the DSO guidelines for returning to in-person worship](#)

In light of local conditions we request all persons wear masks inside the church building

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regardless of vaccination status.

Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Masks are required.

The **Church Building** is not open for public meetings and gatherings but during office/CrossRoads hours the thrift shop and chapel are available for individuals. Masks are required.

CrossRoads Café -- Join us Sunday after the 10:30 service.

Contact Information

For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters, please contact Alex Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at macbuck@yahoo.com.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at carlsondana@hotmail.com.

For emergencies, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

[DONATE to Good Shepherd](#)

The above takes you to the Parish page where you can find instructions or donate on-line via PayPal, If you have a preference, please indicate on the the "Add special instructions to the seller" section the purpose of the donation -- e.g. organ fund, plate collection, etc.

Check out the Church's [YouTube Channel](#).

NON-emergency messages can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877).

The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or barbara@chogs.org.

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