

Welcome to
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
20th Sunday after Pentecost - October 27, 2019

Opening Responses:

Come, let us go up to the house of God.

**God will teach us God's ways
and we will walk in God's paths.**

Come, let us draw near to God,

even as God draws near to us,

**giving hope to those who walk in despair,
granting courage to those who walk in fear,
and guiding our feet into the way of peace.**

Prayer of Adoration: (said together)

We worship you, O God.

You are the Maker of everything:

the sun, the moon and the stars,

birds and animals and fish,

plants and trees,

people of every race.

You are truly awesome.

We love you and praise you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: This is my Father's world

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RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

ALL> Our hearts and minds are open.

The Word of God: *Joel 2:23-32*

Luke 18:9-14

One> *This is the word of the Lord.* **ALL> Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

Communion

Prayer: *(said together)*

In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you, O God.

Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much of us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.

So, Gracious God, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Hymn: Now let us from this table rise 556

Blessing:

L> God sends us into the world, to accept the cost
and discover the joy of discipleship.
Therefore go--- carrying with you the peace of Christ,
the love of God, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit,
in trial and rejoicing.

All> Amen

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### Joel 2:23-32

<sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.

<sup>24</sup> The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

<sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.

<sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

<sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

<sup>28</sup> Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

<sup>29</sup> Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

<sup>30</sup> I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and  
columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon  
to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. <sup>32</sup> Then  
everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount  
Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has  
said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

### Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they  
were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up  
to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The  
Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I  
am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax  
collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup> But the  
tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was  
beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup> I tell  
you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for  
all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves  
will be exalted."