

6th Sunday of Pentecost

Proper 9

Gathering

Call to Worship

God calls us to work.

**Whether we do our best or fall short,
God loves our labour and uses it.**

God calls us to worship.

**Whether it's with many prayers or a few hymns,
God loves our worship and we glorify God.**

God calls us to life.

**Just as we are,
God loves us and accepts us.**

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Approach

**God of righteousness,
You gave Your people the law, so that they could follow You:**

**Help us to understand Your teachings, teachings from the prophets, the apostles, and Your
Son, Jesus Christ,**

So that we can grow closer to You and live in harmony with Your will.

We ask in the Name of the Holy Spirit, who draws us all into relationship with You. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

We ask Your blessings on our offerings, O God:

**may they go to educate all children, far and wide,
may they go to provide adequate housing for all families,
may they go to ensure medicine for every sick person,
may they go to support research into the many problems in our world,**

And by doing this, may they glorify Your name,
showing the through You, all things are possible.

Amen.

Listening

Children's Time

Reading: [Zechariah 9:9-13](#) (*The Message*)

God speaks through the prophet Zechariah to Israel before Jesus came. Zechariah talks about the arrival of a king for Jerusalem, but the king is very different from what they expected.

Questions

1. How is the king Zechariah talks about different from modern leaders?
2. What should we look for in a God-appointed ruler?

Sermon

Reading: [Romans 7:13-25](#) (NRSV)

Paul now speaks to the Romans about the Law itself. If he has so many problems with the Law, what is the use of it?

Questions

1. What might Paul be talking about when he does what he doesn't want to do?
2. How was Israel doing what it didn't want to do?
3. How do laws help us with sin?

Serving

Sacrament of Communion

Please follow the slideshow

Closing Hymn

"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"

Benediction

We go out from here a people of grace,

we go to serve God, who has created everything and still isn't finished with us;

we go to follow Jesus, who came to show us God's love is greater than hate;

we go to listen for the Holy Spirit, who calls each of us to do God's work in the world.

Amen