

**Watchword for the Week for September 19:**

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35

**Prelude**  
M. Ham

*Be Still My Soul* with *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is*

arr.

Donna Shore

**Welcome**  
Scott Rainey

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**Call to Worship**  
Matt Redman

*The Heart Of Worship*

Reserved Parking

**Liturgy of Servanthood\***

O Lord, our God, your wisdom and power are beyond our comprehension. Yet our hearts know you intimately.

**Our love for you and our awe of you join together in our praise to your holy name.**

You are the one we turn to when we hear your invitation to be your disciple; when we feel the call to servanthood.

**You, O Lord, provide strength and wisdom for each day and hope for the journey.**

It is by faith in you that we respond to your call to serve.

**We believe that you are our source of love and provide the resources for loving.**

**We believe that you redeem not only our lives but also our actions so that our small human offerings have divine results.**

**We believe that your Spirit empowers us to be all that you created us to be for your purpose.**

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Holy God of all creation, give us vision, love and nerve  
to respond to our first calling on this earth to care and serve.  
Show the world by our example how to live each waking hour,  
as we strive to humbly follow, sharing your creative power.

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Yet the call to serve can, at times, be overwhelming. The need before us is more than one person can handle alone.

**We thank you, Lord, for calling us to work as one body. Your Body is made manifest in us as we work together to serve your children.**

Lord, many people in our community show your love through their actions.

**They shelter the homeless. They feed the hungry. They accompany the elderly. They champion the battle with mental illness. They help others become better parents. They donate their blood, their sweat, and their personal belongings.**

Lord, many in our church community generously offer their lives to your service.

**They teach your word. They visit the sick and home-bound. They provide fellowship for our church family. They serve as leaders and decision makers. They make worship a meaningful experience. They support our ministry in prayer.**

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Take my life and let it be yours,  
Make me a servant, Lord.  
Let all I do be pleasing to you;  
Make me a servant, Lord.  
Seek out my heart and open the door;  
Make me a servant, Lord;  
Give me the strength to be humble and true;  
Make me a servant, Lord;  
Make me a servant, Lord;  
Make me a servant, Lord.

Lord, we thank you for these people whom you have joined together for your purpose.

**We thank you for people who live what they believe and believe what they live. We thank you for the Spirit of Christ which dwells in such people in our church and community.**

By your grace, Lord, we stand among those who will hear you say, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

**And we will say, "Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked or in prison?"**

And you will assure us, Lord, with your words, "Just as you have done it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

**Amen. May it be so.**

**News of the Church**

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Worship by Giving**

**Offertory**

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*If I Be Lifted Up*

**Moment with the Children**

**Hymn**

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HUNDREDTH

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;

Serve him with joy, his praises tell,  
Come now before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
He formed us all without our aid.  
We are his flock he comes to feed,  
The sheep who by his hand were made.

Because the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure.  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.

**Scripture**

Mark 9:30-37  
James 3:13 - 4:10

Becky Norman

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn 56 (“Sing a New Song”)**    *Let Justice Roll On*    Text: E. Artis Weber (2002). © 2013  
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Let justice roll on like the rivers of time,  
And righteousness flow in continuous stream,  
That we in God’s wisdom and love may abide  
And live in community, not selfish pride.

We must not be arrogant, boastful, unkind,  
But practice compassion and be of one mind.  
May we not be proud of our calling or place,  
But treat all as members of one common race.

Our gifts, though diverse, form a covenant bond,  
Which binds us together that we may respond  
In strength and relationship, one family,  
In action and attitude live selflessly.

In things nonessential each one may be free;  
In God’s law of love, though, we all must agree.  
May each person follow our Savior’s command  
And love one another with warm heart and hand.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Postlude on “Old Hundredth”

F. Hagen

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