

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

Sarah Sparks, *Season for Everything*, mixed media, 2023.



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“The Seasons of Our Story: Fall”

*“For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God...
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.”*

-Fred Pratt Green, For the Fruit of All Creation

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Please silence your cell phones during this time of worship.

The Passing of the Peace and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Prelude

Jonathan Oblander

Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN, Hans Micheelsen

The Call to Worship

Rev. Robert Gammon

One Voice: The timber has been cut, the mortar mixed, and the stones formed.

Many Voices: However, we, the stonecutters, must remain faithful to the Master Carpenter’s architectural plans.

One Voice: Jesus Christ has laid the foundation and allows us to join in the construction process of redemption and reconciliation.

Many Voices: May we seek to replace hatred with understanding, envy with loyalty, despair with hope, and futility with purpose.

One Voice: The building codes have been approved. Stonecutters have been measured by the plumb line. Set before them, the cornerstone of salvation has drawn the perfect blueprint for all builders to follow.

Many Voices: May we choose to be good stewards of the earth, our tools and talents, and all the resources entrusted to us as we seek to be faithful followers of Christ.

***The Hymn**

Congregation

God of Creation, All-Powerful, No. 48

The Old Testament Lesson

Charles Thomas

Isaiah 5:1-7; OT, pg. 483

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

***The Hymn**

For the Fruit of All Creation, No. 379

Congregation

*(Children, ages pre-K to 5th grade, will leave for their time of worship
and exit through the door located to the left of the pulpit)*

***The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 21:33-46; NT, pg. 18-19

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The Choral Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, arr. Schrader

Chancel Choir

The Sermon

"Autumn: A Holy Harvest"

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

***The Hymn of Discipleship**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come, No. 381

Congregation

The Stewardship Testimony

Phillip and Caitlin Jennings

***The Offertory Prayer**

Amanda Storment

The Offertory

Andante Cantabile, Felix Mendelssohn

Jonathan Oblander

***The Offertory Response**

Congregation

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

***The Postlude**

Fanfare, Ronald Arnatt

Jonathan Oblander

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God
in memory of Jim Rago by Cheryl Rago.*

Prayer Concerns:

Steve Bloxam, brother of Linda Bloxam, health concerns; Parker VanHouten, health concerns; Dick and Lucille Brown, health concerns; Kathy Scheiner, friend of Ron and Betty Newcomer, health concerns

Looking Ahead

October 15	Lifetimers "In the Know" Series ft. Rev. Susan Reed
October 17	Lifetimers Trip to Huber's Farm
October 20-22	Youth DiscipleNow
October 21	Enneagram 2.0 Workshop with Mary Lucy Hook
October 22	Organ Concert ft. Jonathan Oblander, 3:00pm
October 25	Halloween Trunk-or-Treat Festival
November 5	Church-wide Pancake Breakfast & All Saints Day
November 17-18	Women's Retreat
November 29	Quarterly Business Meeting
December 2	"A Night in Bethlehem"
December 3	Family Advent Breakfast
December 3	Hanging of the Green
December 3	Kentucky Brass Outdoor Concert, 6:00pm
December 8	Christmas Cheer Banquet
December 10	Broadway Arts Academy Recital

Our promise to each other:

We pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place.

We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God's grace.



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