



*Nicolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 30th, 2018

10:00 am

Our Mission

*To live out Christ's love
by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,
and by reaching out in faith and love.*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Eternal God, you create us and you rescue us.

Be here with us now. Help us know how much we need you.

Teach us that no other power can support us like your power.

As you share your power with us, teach us to be Christ to the world, proclaiming your reign for all people.

As you lavish your love upon us, help us receive that love and offer it to the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

"The Gathering"

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PRELUDE

***INTROIT** – *"Great Are You, Lord"*

#614

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Joanne Strike

Leader: If it had not been God who was on our side,

People: the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.

Leader: If it had not been God who was on our side,

People: the sorrows of our times would have swept us away!

Leader: Are any among us suffering?

People: Come and pray.

Leader: Are any among us cheerful?

People: Come sing songs of praise.

Leader: Are any among us sick?

People: Come and ask for healing.

Leader: Our help is in our God,

People: the One who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Call upon God, creator and rescuer.

God is on our side.

***GATHERING HYMN** – *"Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

#645

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating and rescuing God, your power amazes us.

Yet even in our amazement, we take too long to turn to you,

forgetting that you are the power that makes and saves and sustains us.

Even when we claim your power, we often do so for our own success and comfort,

ignoring your command to use your power on behalf of the weak, the small, and the vulnerable.

In Jesus Christ, you show us that you are on the side of all people,

but never at the expense of the weakest among us.

Forgive us when we try to hoard you for ourselves

and try to control who has access to your love.

Forgive us when our greed, our control,

and our scandals keep others from knowing you.

Redeem us and transform us, O God. Open our hearts, our lives,

and our ministries, that we may become a doorway to your realm.

A TIME FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

When we are rescued from danger and trouble,
we know the peace of Jesus Christ.
When we are welcomed into the reign of God,
we know the peace of Jesus Christ.
As those who are rescued and welcomed,
let us greet one another with signs of the peace of Christ.

***GLORY TO GOD –**

#583

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

“Engaging the Word”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FOR THE DAY

<i>Old Testament:</i>	Numbers 11:4-29	pg.113
<i>Gospel:</i>	Mark 9:38-50	pg.822

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**God, make the words we have heard a living word in the core of our being.
Help us put our faith in no other power than the power of your saving love.
Make us the agents of your love, blocking no one’s entrance into the
presence of your love and grace. Through Christ, enable us to be at peace
with one another and to salt the earth with the power of your peace. Amen.**

MESSAGE – *“We’re in This Together”*

Rev. Loril Hawk

HYMN OF RESPONSE – *“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

#684

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Dee Kraft

INVITATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

**Giving God, we can never match your generosity.
When we are in need, you are at our side,
present to us even in our darkest moments.
You rescue us from harm.
Make us into a people who celebrate your goodness,**

drawing others into the celebration of your many blessings.
Receive our offerings, even if they are as small as a drink for someone who thirsts.
Transform them into the mystery of your reign here and now on earth,
in the name of Jesus, your greatest gift, amen.

“Thanksgiving”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giving God,
all we are and all we have come from you.
We offer back to you what has always been yours.
As you have entrusted your gifts to us,
so we return these gifts to you,
trusting that you will multiply them to the great glory
of your kingdom on earth.
We pray through Jesus, who gave the totality of his life for us. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY –** #697vs.1,4

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in
ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as
thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

“Sending”

***HYMN –** *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* #65

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: God has created all things.
God has rescued us from sin and suffering.
People: Let us go forth, seeking to be on God’s side.
Leader: Jesus Christ finds us when we wander far from God.
People: Let us go forth, seeking to be on God’s side
Leader: The Holy Spirit empowers us to welcome all into the reign of God’s
love.
**People: Let us go forth, seeking to be on God’s side, bringing the love
of Christ everywhere we go.**

***EXTROIT –** (all sing) *“May the God of Hope Go with Us”* #765

***We invite those who are able, to stand.**

Notes and Announcements

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to our fellowship in Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel comfortable and will be strengthened in your walk with God. We invite you to join us for fellowship and sustenance in the Social Room following worship.

We begin our worship this day by remembering our baptism.

Also, please notice the empty plate (paten) and cup (chalice) on the center of the Communion Table. These symbols speak to us of our hunger for Christ who feeds us at this table.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS – The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be taken up on October 7th at both the 7:30 service and the 10am service. 25% of this offering stays with Niccolls and is used to support a peacemaking effort of our choice. You may contribute by placing a check (or cash) in the offering plate. There will be envelopes in the pews.

HURRICANE RELIEF – It's not too late to contribute to hurricane relief. Just place a check in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. Make the check out to Niccolls and write hurricane relief on the memo line. We will see that your donation gets to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Tina Yuckel. If you or someone you know has a special need, please call her at 315-369-8461.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY – Praying for others is a blessing and a privilege. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please ask if you may share his or her name and need with the prayer chain at Niccolls. If the response is yes, please contact Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025 or Cindy Rose by e-mail at Cindy 41854 @[hotmail.com](mailto:Cindy41854@hotmail.com) to initiate the chain. All information is confidential and is not shared with anyone other than prayer chain members.

CHURCHES PRAYER CYCLE – The Presbyterian Church is connectional by design and practice. Every week we lift up in prayer a church or ministry within the Presbytery of Utica. This week we pray for: First Presbyterian Church, Utica.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY –*God's Promise: I am with you.* We often need reassurance that God is with us, so looking at the various circumstances when God promises, "I am with you" gives us much to discuss together. We will learn of God's assurances to various individuals from the Old Testament through the New Testament and discuss how we can also claim God's promises in our lives. Come to the Social Room on Tuesdays at 9:30am. All are welcome!

STAFF OPENING – We are still looking for a part time Music Director. For inquiries, please call or e-mail the church office.

Calendar of Events October 1 to October 7

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
Tuesday	9:30am	PW Horizons Bible Study
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7pm-8pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8pm-9pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7pm-8:30pm	Mission Boutique Open
Saturday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
Sunday	7:30am	Worship Service
	9am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am	Worship Service

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Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich

Organist/Pianist – Sue Rundell, Judith Barker, Marie Adams

Ushers – Cynthia Rose, Shirley Lindsay