

Worship for 19 September 2021  
Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

One: Happy are the people who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

**ALL: Those who do not take the path of the wicked, or sit with mockers and gossips.**

One: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

**ALL: They meditate upon God's law day and night.**

One: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

**ALL: But the way of the wicked will perish.**

\*Hymn of Invitation #738 – “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Prayer of Confession

*God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.*

Scripture – 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Galatians 5:13-26 (see reverse)

Reflection – “I Heard the Lord Call My Name” – The Rev. Dr. Errol Rohr

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology #606

Affirmation of Faith

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving #69 – “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Announcements & Blessing

-Called Congregational Meeting following worship Sunday, September 26, to discuss possible sale of land lot behind church.

### **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

*Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."*

### **Galatians 5:13-26**

*For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.*

*Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I have warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.*

Rev. Dr. Errol Rohr

Errol is an ordained Presbyterian (PCUSA) minister and recently retired from 30 years at King University in Bristol, TN/VA where he was Senior Vice President for Global Development, Chaplain, Professor of Philosophy and Founding Director of the Italy Study Program.

He is married (56 years) to Dr. Karen Gegner Rohr (retired Professor of Psychology at King University). Errol volunteers as a tutor at George Mason Elementary School, is a member of the downtown Richmond Kiwanis Club, a reader for Second graders at G. W. Carver Elementary School, John B. Cary Elementary School, and a reader for Pre-K students at Mary Scott Elementary School. Errol is a member of the Presbytery of the James and attends First Presbyterian Church, Richmond. For hobbies, he enjoys cooking, coffee roasting, bread baking, golf, reading, exercise at the JCC, and any time he can spend with his three beautiful granddaughters.

**#738 – “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”**

1) O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2) Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

3) Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

4) In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broadening way; in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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*TEXT: Washington Gladden, 1879*

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**# – “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)”**

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