

ORDER OF WORSHIP

18th Sunday of Pentecost – September 23rd, 2018 – 10:30 am

*Invites you to stand, as you are able
You are invited to say or sing the bold print

WE GATHER TOGETHER

MUSICAL PRELUDE: “Adante Cantabile” (Symphony No. 4, mov’t 3) WIDOR

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The strength of the community lies in its unity. The love of Christ unites us.
The peace of Christ be with you. **And with you as well.**

CENTERING WORDS:

Bless God at all times!

We will bless and thank God in this morning service of worship.

Bless God at all times!

We will bless God who holds us fast in the storms of life.

Praise the Lord!

***HYMN:** #220 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER

God of all of life’s seasons, you are with us.

In the glory days of summer and in the frigid depths of winter, you are with us.

You are with us God.

In the enthusiasm of youth and in the reflective advancing years, you with us.

You are with us God.

In the rushed days of productive work and school and in the slower pace of retirement and redundancy, you are with us.

You are with us God.

In the night of the soul and in the morning when joy overflows, you are with us.

You never leave us God.

You will never leave us, in time or beyond time. Amen.

RESPONSE: #958 “Halle, Halle, Halle”

CARIBBEAN

THE PRAYER OF JESUS (The Lord’s Prayer – Traditional): (VU, pg. 914)

Our Father (Creator), 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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

WE GROW IN THE FAITH

HYMN: “God is Always Near Me” (Insert) PHILLIP P. BLISS

Collier’s Kids are invited to gather as the hymn is sung.

GATHERING WITH COLLIER’S KIDS

After prayer, the children may join their Helpers for Godly Play.

BIBLE READING: Psalm 54

Robin Milani

*This is the Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.***

MUSIC MINISTRY: Medley of Familiar Hymns

THE HARMONAIRES

PETER BAGDONAS, PETER BLACKMAN, JOHN DOWNS, DAVE LORD, GORD MCGREGOR & JEAN MILLER

BIBLE REFLECTION: “Community – Confession & Condition” Hewitt Holmes

WE RESPOND AS PEOPLE OF FAITH

SILENT REFLECTION

***HYMN:** #194 “Filled with the Spirit’s Power”

NATIONAL HYMN

A TIME OF OFFERING AND CARE CARDS

Offering Music: “Prelude in G”

RIMBAULT

*Offering Response: #540 “Grant Us, God, the Grace”

STUTTGART

*Offering Prayer

Leader

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO TO LIVE OUR FAITH

***HYMN:** #514 “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” (tune ABBOT’S LEIGH)
BLAENWERN

*COMMISSIONING

We leave this Church as God’s partners.

**Together we will journey as people of faith in God’s world;
together we will face the new realities;
together we will move forward without fear;
together we will be companions on the journey of life and faith.**

We go out in partnership with you, O God.

SENDING CHORUS: “Go Now in Peace” N. Price/D. Besig

Go now in peace, never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, amen, amen.¹

POSTLUDE: Prelude on “Hyfrydol” WILLAN
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Psalm 54, NIV

¹ Save me, O God, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

² Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.

³ For the insolent have risen against me,
the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them.

⁴ But surely, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of ^amy life.

⁵ He will repay my enemies for their evil.
In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

⁶ With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷ For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Hymn – “God is Always Near Me”

**God is always near me,
Hearing what I say;
Knowing all my thoughts and deeds,
All my work and play.**

**God is always near me,
In the darkest night,
He can see me just the same
As by midday light.**

**God is always near me,
Though so young and small;
Not a look, or word, or thought,
But God knows it all.**