

STAFF

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WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Why do we confess our sins?

Being called into the presence of a righteous and holy God makes us painfully aware of our own sinfulness and guilt. We think of the prophet Isaiah who cried out: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" (Isaiah 6:5, compare Revelation 1:17).

God made a way for the people of Israel to approach Him through sacrifice. The first sacrifice was the *sin offering* or *purification offering* (Lev. 9:7,15; 2 Chr. 29:21). This sacrifice dealt with the sin in a worshipper's life at the very beginning of the service, so that he could continue to approach God knowing the penalty for his sin had been paid by the animal who died in his place. We still approach God on the basis of a sacrifice. But in our case that sacrifice was the crucifixion of Christ. His sacrifice on our behalf has dealt with our sin once and for all (Heb. 7:27, 9:12, 10:10).

The importance of confessing sins is taught throughout the Scriptures. Many of these passages appear in our worship service as the "Call to Confession," reminding us not only of the need to confess, but of God's promise to forgive us when we do. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (John 1:8).

We confess our individual sins silently to God. But because we are one body in Christ we also join our voices in a corporate confession of sin. These traditional prayers of confession are based on Biblical teaching. For example: "We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves." This is a prayer based on Jesus' summary of the Law (Matt. 22:36-40, etc.).

The other reason we confess our sins is because the Bible teaches us that repentance leads to joy (Psalm 51:8, 12; Luke 15:17)! Having been honest about our sin we have the joy of receiving God's forgiveness in the next portion of our service: The Assurance of Forgiveness.



October 4, 2026

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-2, 6

†Congregational Singing

"10,000 Reasons"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing #185 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 103:8-12

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in

**your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Savior. Amen.**

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing “Since Our Great High Priest Christ Jesus”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Epistle Reading Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

†Gospel Reading Matthew 21:23-32

†Profession of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

Sermon Teaching Elder Michael Freitag

“By What Authority?”

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†The Lord’s Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven...

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord’s Supper.
Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.*

*If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire
to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with the pastor after the service.*

*The outer ring of cups contain wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your
portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.*

*During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your
neighbors such as: “May the Peace of Christ be with you” (Jn. 14:27), and the response:
“And also with you.”*

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing #379 “Take My Life And Let It Be”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer
Nursery Volunteers: Sarah Salyer, Erin Freitag

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, October 4 - The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

Monday, October 5

5:30 p.m. . . . Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 7

6:30 p.m. . . . Book Study

Sunday, October 11 - The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

♦ **Book Study** | All are welcome to join us at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays at the church for a study of *The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows* by James Bryan Smith. We’ll explore false narratives we may believe about God and replace them with the truth revealed by Jesus. Weekly spiritual practices and “soul-training” exercises will also be part of our time together. Books will be available—just come as you are! Questions? Please speak with Lisa Hajda or Julie LeFeber.

♦ **Sunday School Subs** | We are still in need of Sunday school subs for the student classes. Please contact Amy Freitag if you’d be willing to be on the list to help periodically.

♦ **Book Bedazzle Night** | Join us for a fun evening of creativity and fellowship on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM at the church! Bring your own book, and we’ll provide the rest. Decorate a book to keep or pass it on to a friend. See the event on Facebook for info.

♦ **October Birthdays:** (2) Rene Sykes, (3) David Lano, (11) Isaac Hooton 2008, (14) Joe Barber, Josiah Holl 1995, (15) Karen Salyer, (20) CJ Trapuer, (22) David Beach, (23) Jim Myrick, (25) Deb Elliott, Bethany Remm, (28) Ana Beerman, (29) Ahren Goodbrake 2018, (30) Mary Parish, (31) David Salyer

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

♦ That God would open doors for ministry to UNK students.

♦ **Presbytery:** Reformed University Fellowship UNL - Campus Pastor Josh Krontorad.

♦ **Missions:** Chuck and Nancy Larsen - Water4Haiti

♦ For our new and expecting parents, Micah & Kristin Holl (Owen Daniel born 4/25), Cobus & Amara Block (Alette Marie born 4/29), and Josh & Rachel Goodbrake (Amy Claire born 8/18).