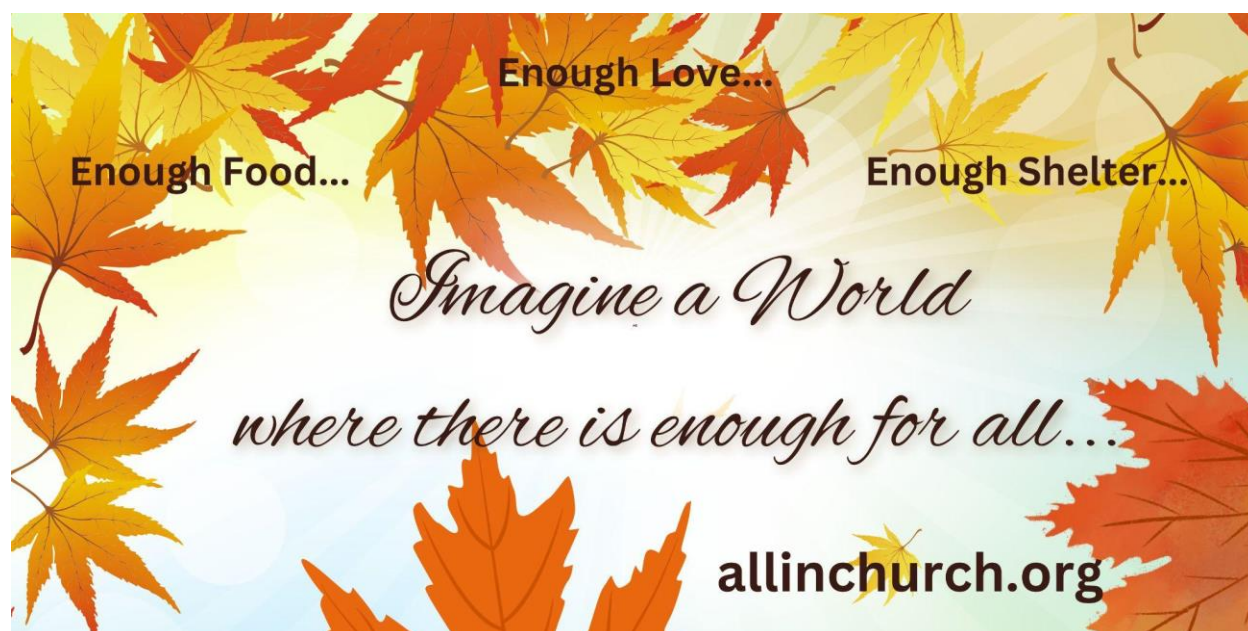


NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ALL AGES WORSHIP

September 29, 2024

9:45 AM



MEDITATION: “Hints and whispers of God’s presence are everywhere, but children need safety, permission and a language to discuss and affirm these experiences...” ~Dr. Jerome Berryman, founder of Godly Play

PRELUDE

Improvisation on Merle's Tune

Centering Music that signifies a time to call all who gather that worship is about to begin!

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Anne Marie Holloway & Elizabeth McNamee
A warm greeting for the people of God (you) at the household of God (Allin Church)!

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elizabeth McNamee

An invitation or “call” for all of us to join hearts, minds, and voices and enter into this time of worshipping God. Here, a worship leader or the pastor leads the call, and the congregation responds by uniting their voices in response.

Children of God, welcome to this place of love and grace!

We are all children of God!

God invites us all into this household of God!

We are all children of God!

In worship, we come in gratitude to share the good news that...

We are all children of God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #491 *As Grain on Scattered Hillsides*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(As we pray, all invited to gently toss scarves into the air to represent the presence of the Holy Spirit moving among us!)*

Let us invoke God’s Holy Spirit through prayer!

God of Spirit and life,

God of Spirit and life!

Be here now!

Be here now!

Help us to know your love!

Help us to know your love!

Receive our prayers.

Receive our prayers.

*SILENT CONFESSION

A time in which we bring before God in prayer our “less than perfect” moments. We know God promises to love us as we are, even when we make mistakes.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

A reminder of the good news found in the Gospel message. Through Jesus, nothing can separate us from God’s love.

God is good and kind!

God is good and kind!

God forgives us and loves us as we are!

God forgives us and loves us as we are!

Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

A short hymn of praise to God that we sing each week in church.

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated as the children are invited forward.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE PEACE

Jesus greets his disciples by saying, “Peace be with you.” As a sign of God’s peace through Jesus Christ, we also greet one another in love, by shaking hands or sharing hugs while saying “Peace be with you.”

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you. *(Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor!)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God wants to hear all about our lives. We are blessed to share our good news and bad news with our church family and with God in prayer.

Please Lord, we also pray for: Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, Dick Lane, Michael Martens, Jack Stone.

THE LORD'S PRAYER WITH MOVEMENTS

This is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We say this prayer each week as a way to remember the words of Jesus who taught his disciples how to pray. Please feel free to pray with your body using the movements demonstrated by the children.

All: 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Softly and Tenderly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We think it is important to share news about the life and ministry of our church.

CALL TO A NOISY OFFERING

Today, our offering will be shared a little differently! Our young ushers will collect spare change from the congregation, and when those nickels and pennies fall freely into the bucket, it makes noise!



For your convenience, we have
included a QR code for donations.
Thank you for your generosity.

***DOXOLOGY** *#50 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Another chance to sing our praises to God each week! We are thankful and we sing our gratitude for being able to share our gifts with the church.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***UNISON OFFERING PRAYER**

God, we give you thanks for this offering!

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We ask that you bless it and use it to help all those in need.

Amen!

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Amen!

Psalm 124 (Chanting)

A Song of Ascents. Of David.

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—
if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,

when their anger was kindled against us;
 then the flood would have swept us away;
 the torrent would have gone over us;
 then over us would have gone
 the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord,
 who has not given us
 as prey to their teeth.
 We have escaped like a bird
 from the snare of the hunters;
 the snare is broken,
 and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 who made heaven and earth.

SCRIPTURE

Each week we read scripture from the Bible. This week's scripture is found in the Spark Story Bible, pages 326-327.

GOSPEL READING

Judy Massey

Mark 9:38-50 :Share God's Love!

The disciples were huffing and puffing with anger. John said, "Jesus, you won't believe this! I am so angry! We saw someone who was teaching people about you, and he wasn't one of us! Can you believe that? We tried to stop him!"

Jesus said, "Wait a minute! Don't stop someone who teaches in my name! Anyone who teaches about God's love helps us, whether we know the person or not."

Jesus explain things to the confused disciples. "It is important to help people who believe in me, no matter who they are. It is not a good thing to stop someone from believing in me. All of God's children can help each other have faith. Be at peace with other people!"

**Be sure to visit our website to see all that is happening at the
Allin Congregational Church!**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

LOOKING AHEAD!

TODAY: Dedham Day (Allin needs volunteers to host a tent. Pastor Anne Marie will accompany volunteers after worship. All materials will be provided.)

TODAY: Snowflake Fair-Planning Meeting during Coffee Hour after Worship

Monday September 30th: Week 3 of a six week Book/Bible Study on Whole Hearted Faith, by Rachel Held Evans. (7-8pm in the Fireside Room)

Friday, October 4th: Messy Friday

Sunday, October 6th after Worship: Congregational Vote

Sunday, October 6th 1-2pm: Blessing of the Animals (Rain or shine) (If raining, it will be drive thru blessing)

Sunday, October 27th 3pm: Pastor Anne Marie's Installation Service

Sunday, November 24th, 9:45am: Anniversary Service with First Church

Minister's Office Hours

Rev. Anne Marie would love to visit with you at the church during the week or meet you for coffee! She holds office hours on most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:30 and 12:30pm! Drop in or schedule a time to meet! She is available to meet off site Monday and

Wednesday afternoons. Just send her an email at
pastorannem@allinchurch.org

Rev. Anne Marie tries to hold Fridays and Saturdays as her Sabbath, as they are often filled with sermon editing/writing and family appointment days.

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