

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Gracious God, you have granted us wisdom, understanding, and knowledge.

ALL: Far greater than that of any teacher.

ONE: You have given us love and grace - freely from your abundance.

ALL: As you have shared your gifts with us, we share these gifts with you,

ONE: That all the world may know you.

ALL: As you have led us by the hand, we offer our hands to your service, in praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

Celebration Hymnal # 147

“How Great Thou Art”

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Still Speaking God, throughout history and the wide world you have gathered people around your Word to instruct and inspire. We give thanks for all who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities to follow in your Way. Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts. Enable us to grow in love and understanding for each other. Create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds; Let us join with you in your suffering and your triumph. We desire to be your children and we claim these blessings in your name. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 91:9-16

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 6:5-8

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Bill Kren

“Hang On – This Is A LONG PRAYER!”

Hymn of Reflection

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Celebration Hymnal # 539

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer**Hymn of Going Forth**

Celebration Hymnal # 704

“God Will Make a Way”

Benediction**Benediction Response**

“Make Us One”

Make us one Lord, make us one

Holy Spirit, make us one

Let our love flow, so the world will know

We are one in you, we are one in you.

***Postlude**

***We invite you to stand if you are able.**

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 91:9-16

9 If you make the LORD your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, 10 no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. 11 For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. 12 They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone. 13 You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet! 14 The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. 15 When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. 16 I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 6:5-8

5 "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. 7 "When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. 8 Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!

ONE: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

September 30, 2018

Sermon Title

William Kren

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Hang On –This is a LONG PRAYER Rev.

Dearborn Congregational Church

17 Be good to your servant, that I may live and obey your word. 18 Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions. 19 I am only a foreigner in the land. Don't hide your commands from me! 20 I am always overwhelmed with a desire for your regulations. 21 You rebuke the arrogant; those who wander from your commands are cursed. 22 Don't let them scorn and insult me, for I have obeyed your laws. 23 Even princes sit and speak against me, but I will meditate on your decrees. 24 Your laws please me; they give me wise advice. 25 I lie in the dust; revive me by your word. 26 I told you my plans, and you answered. Now teach me your decrees. 27 Help me understand the meaning of your commandments, and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds.

1. A RIGHT PURPOSE (Psalm 119:17)

2. A RIGHT PERSPECTIVE (Psalm 119:18 – Psalm 19:1 – Psalm 8:3)

3. A RIGHT PRAISE (Psalm 119:24, 27 – Psalm 138:2)

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