

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost      September 29, 2024

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**MEDITATION**

*“A stumbling block to the pessimist is a stepping stone to the optimist.” - Eleanor Roosevelt*

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit (seated)      *O Lord, Hear My Prayer (x2)*      #2200

\*Call to Worship (*\*please stand as you are able*)

One: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

**All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.**

\*Hymn      *I've Got Peace Like a River*      #2145  
*Verse 4: I've got peace, love and joy like a river*

**Song:** *Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.*

Unison Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (seated)  
**Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us once again in your presence and strengthen the bonds of affection that hold your people together. Bless us with grace to cooperate with one another in love and service that we may be the signs of your uniting love to our fractured world. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with imagination, and to counter**

**disappointment with prayerful trust. Be with us so your church can bring forth your will and your reign. We pray together:** *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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Scripture      Psalm 124 (responsive p. 846)  
Mark 9:38-50

Reflection      Stumbling Blocks      Rev. Dr. Wright

Interlude (seated)      When I Surrender      McMahon  
Pastoral and Silent Prayer  
Prayer Response

**THANKSGIVING**

The Offering  
\*Doxology      #95

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication  
**O God, for the beauties of creation, for the joys of relationship, for your gracing of our lives: we give you our thanks. For service in this world, for children's needs, for earth's hope and renewal: in your name we bring these gifts. Direct the use of these gifts, that they may be instruments of your peace and food for your people. Amen.**

\*Hymn      *Here I am, Lord*      #593  
Benediction (seated)

Postlude      Draw the Circle Wide\*      Miller

***Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee in the Parish Hall after the service***  
Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright, Pastor  
Sean McMahon, Music Minister

### **When I Surrender by Sean McMahon**

I ain't never owned a horse, my friend  
Let alone one that gets high!  
So these words won't echo out from atop  
A tower of ivory bright  
I've been through the ringer too, just like you, 'til I just broke  
And at the end of my rope  
Past the last fumes of hope  
Ground down to nothing  
That's when I surrender everything

I always poured out poetry  
That never poured nothing back into me  
Always had a taste for that glory  
That made bitter my sweetest symphonies  
There's always been a war within, one beyond what I can  
fight  
So when them last licks of light  
Fight for breath against the black night  
gone' rabid to wreck me  
That's when I surrender everything

Roll away your stone, my friend  
And end the masquerade  
For when you let the light shine on your face  
And you taste God's good grace  
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Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone,  
we'll stand side by side.  
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Draw the circle wide,  
draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song:  
no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side,  
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\*lyrics: Gordon Light, music: Mark A Miller  
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