

Order of Public Worship of God

The Twenty-Fifth Day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Justice requires not only that individuals receive what is their due simply as human beings, but also that they receive what is theirs as unique individuals who stand in a rich array of relationships... Justice (and love) consists of granting what is properly yours to you, when it is in my power to do it.”

Raymond C. Van Leeuwen, *Proverbs*

“Notice that her faith simply clings, simply informs. It does not speculate. She lays the problem before him – she doesn’t suggest a solution or raise possible options.”

- Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*



OPENING PRAYER | from St. Augustine

**Great You are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised;
great is Your power, and Your wisdom is infinite.
You would that we praise without ceasing.
You call us to delight in Your praise,
for You have made us for Yourself,
and our hearts find not rest until we rest in You;
To whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit
all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed,
both now and forevermore. Amen.**

† HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Dawning Light Of Our Salvation”

**Long in darkness Israel wandered; long in mortal shadows, we
Walked in bondage and self-pity, trod in paths of sin and grief.
In the prophets’ words He told us, long the God of Israel spoke;
He alone in strength would save us from the hands of all our foes.**

Refrain:

**Every valley be exalted!
Every mountain be made plain!
Crooked ways repent and straighten;
all creation bend in praise!**

**He shall raise a mighty Savior; Born of David’s lineage, He
Comes in cov’nant love to claim us from our sins to set us free.
Light to those who dwell in darkness, life to those from death who flee;
Joy unto the earth, and gladness, to your pathways dawning peace! *(refrain)***

**Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior, David’s Son and yet his King,
Dawning light of our salvation, of your saving pow’r we sing!
Stand, oh lame, and dance ye broken, know the Savior’s healing grace;
Come, oh deaf, and hear him singing; turn, oh blind, behold his face! *(refrain)***

† CALL TO WORSHIP | from Job 28

“Where shall wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
Man does not know its worth,
and it is not found in the land of the living.
**From where, then, does wisdom come?
And where is the place of understanding?
It is hidden from the eyes of all living**
God understands the way to it,
and he knows its place.
For he looks to the ends of the earth
and sees everything under the heavens.

**And he said to man,
‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,
and to turn away from evil is understanding.’”**

MEMBERSHIP VOWS | *Ben and Lauren Weir (Harper, Jacob, and Cannon)*

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered through the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service to God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this Church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

WELCOME INTO THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

**Christ be with you, Christ within you,
Christ behind you, Christ before you,
Christ beside you, Christ to win you,
Christ to comfort and restore you,
Christ beneath you, Christ above you,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in the hearts of those that love you,
Christ in the mouth of friend and stranger.**

~ Adapted from the Prayer of St. Patrick

CELEBRATION OF INFANT BAPTISM

Chloe Ruth Weir, Daughter of Will and Rebekah Weir

Parents:

Do you acknowledge your Chloe’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises and benefits for Chloe and by faith do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation as you do your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Chloe to God, and do you promise by relying on God’s power and grace through the Holy Spirit, to live an exemplary life before her?

Do you commit yourself to pray with and for Chloe, to teach her the Scriptures and the great articles of our faith in Jesus Christ?

Do you promise to use every means provided by God, including faithful participation in the life of the Church, to bring Chloe up in the loving discipline of the Lord?

Congregation:

Do you, a member of this congregation, acting for yourself and on behalf of the whole Body of Christ, assume responsibility with these parents for the spiritual nurture of this child?

Do you commit yourselves to set a Godly example before Chloe, to provide, as far as you are able, all that is necessary to the end that she may one day confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WELCOME TO THE COVENANT COMMUNITY

**Jesus Loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

† HYMNS OF THANKSGIVING | “Come Ye Sinners”

**Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, he is able; he is willing, doubt no more.**

**Come ye needy; come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry ’til you’re better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.**

**Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him.
This he gives you, this he gives you, ’tis the Spirit’s rising beam.**

**Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;
Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.**

“Let Us Be Known”

**Let us be known by our love
In every word, in every deed, honor the Son
Let our light shine in every eye
Let us be known by our love**

Refrain:

**For the glory of the Father
For the glory of the Son
For the glory of the Spirit
Let us be known by our love / joy / peace**

**Let us be known by our joy
In every home, in every heart, sing to the Lord
Let our life show goodness and hope
Let us be known by our joy *(refrain)***

**Let us be known by our peace
In every town, in every tribe, Jesus is King
Let us go forth, heal and restore
Let us be known by our peace *(refrain)***

INVOCATION AND 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.**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

† CORPORATE PROFESSION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead
He ascended into heaven
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

† DOXOLOGY

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

† GREETING

*Junior Worship begins for children age four through first grade. Please escort children to the following classrooms.
Preschool - Room 10; Kindergarten and First Grade - Room 9. Children will return to sit with their families
before communion.*

READING OF GOD'S WORD | 2 Kings 4:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON | Series: The Book of Suburbs
Sermon: "Wise Neighboring"
- Rev. Joshua Smith

PRAYER FOR GRACE AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty God,
We confess that we have done what was right in our own eyes,
failing in fear of the Lord who alone knows the hearts of humanity.
We come now to Him who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him:
Fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace;
forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience;
through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus,
who became to us wisdom from God,
righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
So that, as it is written,
"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

How do we take communion at St. Patrick?

When directed, please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. The white chalices contain wine; the darker ones on the tables have grape juice. The crackers on the tables are gluten-free. The elder will distribute the bread and then follow with the wine chalice. We will practice intinction, where you will dip the bread in the wine. If you prefer grape juice or need gluten-free bread, indicate your preference when the elder comes to you, then go to the table for your elements. After receiving communion, you will proceed to the outside aisle to return to your seats.

Who comes to the Table?

Communion is open to all baptized believers who have made a profession of faith in Jesus. If you have children who have not made a profession of faith, they are not ready to partake of the elements, but please bring them forward to be blessed by one of our elders. If you are not a believer but want to know more about Jesus, you are invited to come forward and simply bypass the table, letting one of the leaders know that you would like to learn more about what it means to know and belong to Jesus.

† HYMN OF ASSURANCE | "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed;
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning over us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.**

† BENEDICTION | Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

**"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"
"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"**

For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

*Scripture tells us to make our needs known to God, and to call others to pray with and for us.
If you would like prayer, elders will be standing in the front of the sanctuary (pulpit side)
immediately following the service to pray with you.*



Upcoming Events and Registrations:



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