

August 20, 2023

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Megan McGee- Bonta

WELCOME

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*HYMN #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A word of encouragement came from prophet to people:

People: Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply;

Leader: Pray for your communities;

People: Keep God in the center of all that is;

Leader: We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts;

People: For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires.

Leader: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us and we can trust the promise!

People: Let us worship God who promises and is faithful.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you as we should. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. [. . . silent personal confession . . .] God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC "Be Not Afraid"

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Life to the Full: A Productive Life"
Scripture: Matthew 7:15-23

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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MUSIC "Abide With Me"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Instrumental

Some of our worship material is adapted from:

- Henrietta Stith Andrews as posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website
- Arlo D. Duba as posted on the Reformed Worship website
- Sara Hargreaves as posted on the EngageWorship website

CONGREGATION MEETING TODAY

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation today for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Church Nominating Committee. Reporting for the CNC will be its Co-Moderators, Molly McGalliard and Dietmar Fritsch.

Everyone is welcome in the meeting. Voting is for members only. In compliance with the PCUSA Book of Order, there will be an opportunity for questions, comments and additional nominations. In order to keep a balanced committee as best we can, anyone placing another name in nomination:

1. must have the agreement of the person being nominated & identify the person on the CNC's list of nominees recommended for replacement
2. must keep in mind that the person being nominated is to reflect the same general characteristics as the person they would replace (length of time at ERPC, ministry investment, gender, life stage, theological perspectives, etc.)
3. must keep in mind all the qualifications set out by the PNC for anyone to serve.

Additional nominations will be taken in turn and we will proceed to a written ballot that allows congregational members to vote between the CNC nominee and the nominee placed before us from the floor.

Since electing the PNC is our sole purpose in this meeting, once the vote is affirmed, we will thank the Church Nominating Committee for their work and invite those elected and present to come forward for a commissioning prayer.

We will then close our meeting and worship with prayer, a charge and blessing. Those present in the sanctuary who are elected as our PNC are asked to remain at the front for a brief meeting with Pastor Pat.

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