

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27th, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

-WE GATHER TO PRAISE -

Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

§ Invites you to rise in body or spirit with the people of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

ELDER

PRELUDE

AMY JONES

As fallen people, we must be called from our worship of the created and focus on the proper worship of the Creator.

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST

ONE The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

ALL **for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

ONE Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

ALL **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

-Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

THE SOLID ROCK

HYMN 410

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in Him be found;
dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I, a poor sinner, confess myself before you,
my Lord God and Maker,
that sadly I have sinned much,
with my senses, thoughts, words, and deeds,
as you eternal God, know very well.
I regret them, and beg your grace.
Almighty, and eternal, and merciful God,
forgive us our sin and lead us to eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
-from Bullinger's Christian Order Liturgy

As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

§ RESPONSE TO PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 614

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. Amen.

– WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS –

We bring our concerns, joys, and burdens to the Lord in prayer and give out of love and awe.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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;
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.

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

OFFERTORY

§ RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

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.

§ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

– WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD –

"CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED, AND IN THAT I REJOICE"

PHILIPPIANS 1:18

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

MATTHEW 5:33-37

LITURGIST

ONE THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.
ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my vision, and thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
I in Thee dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach Heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Through the sermon we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow Him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the Gospel to others through our words and deeds.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

EXODUS 20:16

REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

SERMON

THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE
WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR

REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

– WE GO FORTH TO PROCLAIM –

“HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS!”
ROMANS 10:15

§ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Q76. Which is the ninth commandment?

- A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q77. What is required in the ninth commandment?

- A. The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness bearing.

Q78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

- A. The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbor's, good name.

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
 Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

§ BENEDICTION

§ POSTLUDE

AMY JONES, PIANO

A benediction is literally a “good word” or a blessing to carry with us as we leave our time of worship.

-SERMON NOTES -

QUESTIONS TO PONDER -

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME?

WHERE DID I SEE JESUS IN THIS SERMON?

WHAT QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS DO I HAVE?

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Deacon's Meeting - Sunday, September 3rd, at 9:00 a.m.

Choir - the annual Choir Workshop/brunch will be Saturday morning, September 9th, at 9:00 a.m. This workshop is for any choir members or potential choir members.

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School (classroom in the basement by the elevators)

10:15 a.m. - Preschool Class

11:00 a.m. - Jr. Church (dismissed during the Worship Service)

Wednesday Prayer - 10:30 a.m.

- PRAYER REQUESTS -

- Alberta Satter - recovery from broken hip
- Bill Weaver - recovery from stroke
- Brian Catt - recovery from by-pass surgery
- Danny Nickelson - pancreatic cancer
- Eric Pasborg - heart
- Judy Huber - upcoming knee surgery
- Katrina Browning - upcoming surgery on 9/14
- Leigh Wicker - recovery from surgery
- Letty Cherian - pancreatic cancer
- Marilyn Hiser
- Martha Myers - pancreatic cancer
- Nora Mae Phillips - in hospice care
- Rick Moss - cancer treatment
- Roy Boyd - cancer
- Victims and first responders of fires on Maui and in Spokane, Washington
- Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer - Czech Republic

Homebound: Alberta Satter, Clarellen Kelsay, Hugh Carter, Lester Burton, Jean Williams, Mary Catt, and Norma Jean Fox

August Birthdays: Hadley Ditmars - 4th; Debbie Picek - 8th; Leigh Morning-Wicker - 10th; Chuck Mathena - 13th; Rick Smith - 14th; Andrew Spencer, Donna Harsch, and Mirabelle Allender - 15th; Bradley Berkley - 17th; Mark Myers - 18th; Betty Jo Hobert - 20th; Cindy Williams - 21st; Les Mink - 24th; Doug Demaree - 25th; Shelley Grissom - 25th; Jacob Hash - 28th; and Jonathan Schmitt - 31st

September Birthdays: Alan Mathena - 2nd; Bill Doty - 4th; Brad Faris - 6th; Shelly Dougherty - 7th; Carla Demaree and Flora Smith - 8th; Hugh Carter - 9th; JoAnn Barnes - 10th; John Spencer - 11th; Frank Weaver - 13th; Allison Ditmars - 14th; Jed Allender and Joyce Liverett - 17th; Andrew Lee, Robert Swinehamer and Ken Tearman - 18th; Brandon Jolley - 19th; Mark Henderson and Norma Jean Fox - 25th; Janet Stone - 27th; Dean Abplanalp and Kathleen Spencer - 28th; and Graham Henderson - 30th

Attendance: August 20th - 102

- DISCIPLESHIP READING -

Encountering God in your daily life is the best way to grow your relationship with our Redeemer. This reading plan from Table Talk magazine leads us through all the main genres of the Bible each week. Join us as we read through the majority of the Bible in a year.

<input type="checkbox"/>	SUNDAY	III John	Epistles
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<input type="checkbox"/>	WEDNESDAY	Psalms 146-148	Psalms
<input type="checkbox"/>	THURSDAY	Song of Solomon 5-6	Poetry
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIDAY	Revelation 12-17	Prophecy
<input type="checkbox"/>	SATURDAY	Acts 25-26	Gospel

CALL TO WORSHIP

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- *Romans 12:1-2*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We praise and honor you, Lord God Almighty, for all your mercy and loving-kindness shown to us your people. We bless you for the goodness that freely chose us to salvation before the world began. We thank you for creating us after your own image; for redeeming us, when we were lost, with the precious blood of Christ, for sanctifying us by your Spirit in the revelation and knowledge of your Word; for your help and support in our necessities, your fatherly comfort in our tribulations; for saving us in the dangers of body and soul, and giving us so long a time of repentance. We acknowledge, most merciful Father, to have received these benefits from your goodness alone, and we implore you to continue to be gracious to increase our thankfulness to you, kindling our hearts with pure and fervent love. Help us not to receive your Word in vain, but graciously assist us always, in heart, word, and deed, to sanctify and worship your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- *A Book of Public Prayer*

READING OF THE LAW

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

Exodus 20:1-6

CONFESSION OF SINS

O Lord, let not your law be a cursing to our consciences, but rather give us grace under this extreme and heavy burden of sin, to be fully persuaded, that you by your death have taken away all our sins, and fulfilled the law for us, and by this means have delivered us from the curse of the law and paid our ransom; and then we, being fully persuaded, may have quiet and settled hearts, and a free conscience, and glad desiring wills to forsake this wicked world. Amen.

- *Henry Smith*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

- *Ezekiel 36:25-27*

PRAISE

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. Amen.

- *Gloria Patri*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grant, Almighty God, that as you shine on us by your Word, we may not be blind at midday, nor willfully seek darkness, and thus lull our minds asleep; but may we be roused daily by your words, and may we stir up ourselves more and more to fear your name and thus present ourselves and all our pursuits as a sacrifice to you, that you may peaceably rule, and perpetually dwell in us, until you gather us to your celestial habitation, where there is reserved for us eternal rest and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- John Calvin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daily Bible reading plan (see Discipleship Reading Plan)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

God, the protector of all those who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy - increase and multiply on us your mercy; that you being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Book of Common Prayer (1552)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by your name; your kingdom come; your 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.

WEEKLY CATECHISM

As a church body, we affirm the Westminster Confession of Faith. The confession, written in 1648, serves as the confessional anchor of Presbyterian doctrine and includes a catechism to teach the faith in churches. Each week we work our way through 3-5 questions from the Westminster Shorter Catechism to both learn and remind ourselves of the faith that we profess. Pastor Brandon would love to talk to you when difficult sections come up.

Q. 98. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.

Q. 99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught His disciples, commonly called the Lord's Prayer.

Q.100. What doth the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven, teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“Nothing teaches us about the preciousness
of the Creator as much as when we learn
the emptiness of everything else.”

- *Charles H. Spurgeon*

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