

Sunday Worship

September 5, 2021,

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *The Quiet Heart* Beck
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The Call to Worship

The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

The lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

The burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Hymn of Praise *Arise, Your Light Is Come*
(Congregation does Not sing)

The Call to Confession

Many people brought their greatest needs to Jesus, certain that he would help them. With the same confidence, let us confess our failings and seek forgiveness.

*The Prayer of Confession

You love us with open arms, O God.

Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice: When we do not challenge the injustice around us; when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgement; when we contribute to the brokenness of the world instead of helping to make it whole.

Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.

O Lord, hear us now as we approach you in the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions. (Silence)

Almighty and compassionate God, renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to talk in the ways you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,

our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turn us to new life.

You are forgiven. Walk in Peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579
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.

The Special Music *What a Friend We Have In Jesus* arr. Lanier
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The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Psalm 125 683 OT

The New Testament Reading Mark 7:24-37 58 NT

The Sermon "Bold and Persistent" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Amen.

*The Hymn *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise* 539
(verses 1,2 & 4)

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Beautiful One with And Can It Be?* arr. Tornquist
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*The 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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Con Spirito (from Sonatina Op. 36, No. 4)* Clementi
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Our guest musicians today are – Deanna Patton, piano & Ruth Estell, harp

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Jesus wants You to

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BOLD, be Persistent



Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Join Us Next Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 for Kick-Off Sunday.

Sunday School Help Needed

On Sunday, September 12, we will kick-off the 2021-2022 Sunday School year. We will be following a lectionary-based program using Bible stories, music, and crafts. If you are available to bring the Bible alive for the younger generation of the church, please reach out to Genie Herter, Natalie Martinez or Christy Higley, the members of the Christian Education committee.

White Elephant Sale

Clean out your garages and closets this summer and keep in mind we'll have our annual White Elephant Sale on Saturday, September 25. Don't bring your items yet but keep the date in mind! **If you are able to help during set-up, during the sale, or clean-up, sign-up sheets are on the table in the main hallway or call Carol Poole @ 793-7485.**

Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for our first-ever drive-thru Fish Fry on Friday, October 15, 2021! Further details will follow in upcoming newsletters and emails. Please keep an eye on the church Facebook page so you can share the event!

We still need help to make this fish fry a success. Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering area soon. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which performs many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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