

Sunday Worship

September 12, 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 *Psalm Nineteen* Marcello
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The Call to Worship Psalm 19:1-4, 14

Look at the heavens!

They are shouting the glory of God.

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

The Hymn of Praise *Will You Come and Follow Me*
(Congregation does Not sing)

The Call to Confession

Let us use our voices to declare those things we have said and done that have separated us from God, and from each other, that we may experience God's mercy and receive God's forgiveness.

*The Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you have called us to take up the cross and follow you: to carry the truth of your justice like a banner and bear the yoke of life as your servant. We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves. We draw away from the imagery of the cross, forgetting that, in you, it has become a source of glory. Forgive us, O God, and call us once more to set aside our selfishness and follow in your way.

O Lord, hear us now, as we approach you in the silence of our heart.
(Silence)

Give us insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of Christ, the Messiah we pray. Amen!

*The Assurance of Pardon

The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul,
the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple, the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven.

Live in peace!

Thanks be to God.

*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 *Take My Hand, Precious Lord* arr. Lanier
Wally Schmidt
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The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Psalm 19 605 OT

The New Testament Reading Mark 8:27-38 59 NT

The Sermon "Taking Up Your Cross" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

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

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles **rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*The Hymn *Life High the Cross* 371
(verses 1,3 & 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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Bish
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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 *St. Anthony's Chorale* Haydn
One License #1030991

Our guest musicians today are – Laurel Taipale, Organ & Piano and Wally Schmidt

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday School Help Needed

This 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.

CROP Walk

Save the date - October 10th @ 1pm. Sign-up forms are on the table in the front hallway -- sign up to walk and/or sponsor those walking. **you can walk on your own in your own place or neighborhood OR join the other walkers at the YMCA

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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