



A joyful church, guided by God, loving our neighbors.

16th Sunday after Pentecost/ Virtual & 10:30 Service
Sunday, 12 September 2021

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

Rise Up and Serve the Lord - Patricia Lou Harris

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Proverbs 8: 1, 4; Psalm 34:11, 100:4

One: Wisdom raises her voice: "To you, O people, I call. My cry is to all that live."

All: Come, let us listen to God's teaching.

One: Which of you desires life and covets many days to enjoy good? Then come, walk in the Way of the Lord.

All: Let us enter through God's gates with thanksgiving and into God's courts with praise!

OPENING PRAYER: O God of glory, You bless the poor in spirit with the richness of Your eternal favor. You choose the meek to inherit the earth. You comfort those who mourn, the hungry and thirsty You satisfy. The pure in heart catch sight of Your splendor, and those who make peace You call Your own. We join with the merciful, who throughout the ages have lived by Your graciousness and worshipped Your name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me.

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.

They came with me and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you
all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.

The holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all,

wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
 It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
 They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.
 Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
 And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.
 They cut me down and I leapt up high.
 I am the life that will never, never die.
 I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
 Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all,
 wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

*CALL TO CONFESSION: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not within us. In confession we acknowledge our brokenness and our need for God who is faithful, just, loving and forgiving. In humility and in faith let us confess our condition to God by praying together...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Divine Wisdom, your Way is blessed, leading to eternal life. You invite us to walk with you on paths of righteousness, but we do not listen. We think we know better, and waste our days chasing after our own ways. We are fools. We think we know it all and refuse others' viewpoints. We use knowledge to destroy in many ways--from gossip's tongue to technology's bombs. Yet for all our knowledge, we cannot save ourselves. Forgive us. Wipe the slate clean, that we may be filled with understanding your ways and stand under your life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, though whom we pray.**

*THE KYRIE: **Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Remember the words of Scripture, where it says, "Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus...and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water". In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI #581: **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.**

GIFT OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LECTIONARY TEXT

Proverbs 1:20-21

20 Wisdom cries out in the street;
 in the squares she raises her voice.
 21 At the busiest corner she cries out;
 at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker

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 wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with thee and Thou with me, Lord.
 Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.
 Riches I heed not, nor vain, 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, O bright heaven's sun.
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

SERMON

Wisdom Waiting at the Gate...

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #655

What Shall I Render to God

MARTYRDOM

What shall I render to the Lord; what shall my offering be, for all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on me?
Salvation's cup my soul shall take while to the Lord I pray, and with God's people I will meet, my thankful vows to pay.
Not lightly dost thou, Lord, permit thy chosen saints to die; from death thou hast delivered me; thy servant, Lord, am I.
Within God's house, the house of prayer, my soul shall bless the Lord, and praises to God's holy name let all the saints accord.

*BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

POSTLUDE

A Time for New Beginnings - Lani Smith

Theresa Merrill

UPCOMING: 12 WEEK BOOK STUDY

Starting September 19th, Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda will be leading a 12 Week Book Study, "The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion" by Jonathan Haidt, in the Sanctuary: 9:30-10:15 am. No book orders will be placed by PRPC, but you are welcome to purchase one on Amazon. Feel free to come by for the discussion-- whether you purchase the book or not- don't miss out on this series!

FALL SCHEDULE:

***8:30/ 10:30: 12 September:** DKNY Preaching
Evening Vespers 7PM

8:30/ 10:30: 19 September: Sharon Clegern
12 Week Book Study of Chapter 1 in the Sanctuary 9:30-10:15

8:30/ 10:30: 26 September: DKNY Preaching
12 Week Book Study of Chapter 2 in the Sanctuary 9:30-10:15
Evening Vespers 7PM

8:30/ 10:30: 3 October: DKNY Preaching
12 Week Book Study of Chapter 3 in the Sanctuary 9:30-10:15

8:30/ 10:30: 10 October: DKNY Preaching
12 Week Book Study of Chapter 4 in the Sanctuary 9:30-10:15
Evening Vespers 7PM

8:30/ 10:30: 17 October: DKNY preaching
12 Week Book Study of Chapter 5 in the Sanctuary 9:30-10:15

8:30/ 10:30: 24 October: DKNY Preaching
12 Week Book Study of Chapter 6 in the Sanctuary 9:30-10:15

8:30/ 10:30: 31 October: DKNY Preaching
12 Week Book Study of Chapter 7 in the Sanctuary 9:30-10:15

*Return of Christian Education

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Denise Bien**, Health concerns
- **Darryl Davis**, health concerns, brother of Diana Hargrave
- **Dorothy Fisher**, Health concerns
- **Jen Hargrave**, daughter of Diana, sister of Wes, health concerns
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns
- **Glenn Montague**, Health concerns

- **Tom Wise**, Health concerns

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm
- **Brian Montague**, grandson of Glenn Montague

Mission Coworkers:

- **McGill Family**, back in the United States

****Please notify the church office of any prayer requests you may have including those of you who have loved ones in the Armed Forces or in Mission.**

BLESSED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Month of September: 3 Mary Abbott, 7 Michelle Horning, Anna Hammelrath, 9 David Knutson, 13 Dr. Thomas Merrill, 15 Carol Suer, 17 Alexander McNeill (A.J.), 20 Robert Hargrave, 22 Edward Graham, 24 John Reece.