



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

8th Sunday after Pentecost/10:30 AM & Virtual Service
Sunday, 31 July 2022

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

Pavane - Gabriel Fauré

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember Your wonders of old.

ALL: I will meditate on all Your work, and muse on Your mighty deeds.

ONE: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

ALL: You are the God who works wonders; You have displayed Your might among the peoples.

ONE: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: We will boast of Your presence among us. O God, and magnify Your holy name. You still the avenger; You bring low the mighty; you exalt the humble and forget not your own. We are privileged to be numbered among those You have chosen, and through Christ seek to honor You in all that we do. Hear our praises, which we raise before You, as in glad adoration our tributes we bring. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #653

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries

MORNING SONG

Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days with wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise.

Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always.

If you have ever wandered where no human help was near, and in your trouble cried to God, who rescued you from fear, then thank the God of steadfast love who dries your every tear.

If you have ever lived inside the prison of your gloom and cried to God, who broke your bonds and raised you from your tomb, then praise the One who sets you free, who makes dry places bloom.

If you drew near the gates of death, too sick to eat or dress, and cried to God, who heard your voice and healed all your distress, then sing with sounds of holy joy; God's wondrous works profess.

If you have felt your courage fail before a violent sea and cried to God, who stilled the storm, and made the wild wind flee, then in the congregation praise the One who heard your plea.

So praise the One whose love is great, whose kindness is well-known.

Consider well the healing hand and help you have been shown, and tell the world what God has done.

Praise God and God alone!

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: **God of freedom, set at liberty we who are captive, and grant us absolution as we confess our sin. Prisoners of self-interest, we disregard neighbors. We bolster our own egos at others' expense. When slander rampant, we seldom stop it. When rumors are rife, we seek not the source. Help us check our destructive ways, lest we consume one another, and cause us to use our freedom in more loving ways.**

(Time of Silent Personal Confession)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." We who "belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." Therefore, let us live in love and bear one another's burdens, in the assurance that we are forgiven and made alive in the Spirit. Amen.

*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

NEW TESTAMENT TEXT:

Matthew 13:31-32

31 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

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

ANTHEM

Eternal Life
Nick McGill, *soloist*

Olivia Dungan

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life!

SERMON

Little and Often...

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.

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:
 In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play, call to mind the word of Jesus,
 "You must work while it is day."
 For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near a world
 that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.
 Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?
 Come today, our judge, our glory.
 Be its name "The Lord is there!"

*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Menuet from The Royal Fireworks - G. F. Handel

Theresa Merrill

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: UKRAINE MISSION PROJECT



Thank you PRPC!

The Confirmation Class 2022 wish to thank our generous church family for your support during our Spring Mission Project- baking and selling dog biscuits - to benefit families in the Ukraine.

Next week a check for \$785.00 will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The money will be used to assist Ukrainian families who were forced from their homes when Russia invaded Ukraine. Assistance is used for housing, basic living needs, and school enrollment for children.

“whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me.”

Love,
Jesus

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYER

New Prayer Concerns:

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

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Darryl Davis**, health concerns, brother of Diana Hargrave
- **Dorothy Fisher**, Health concerns
- **Jen Hargrave**, daughter of Diana, sister of Wes, health concerns

- **George Horning**, Health concerns
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns
- **Barb Stringer**, recovering from auto accident

Serving in the Armed Forces:

- **Zachary Huffman**, Friend of Barb Imm

Mission Coworkers:

- **Jim McGill**, in Africa

****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 August: Month of August: 1 JoAnn Ruff, 5 Judy Davis, 10 Sandra Coffey, 12 Eric Porter, 14 Chris Reece

SUMMER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If anyone would like to provide flowers and make a dedication over the summer months,
 please call Dee Chavez at 513-413-1178.