



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

15th Sunday after Pentecost/10:30 AM & Virtual Service
Sunday, 18 September 2022

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

PRELUDE

Carillon - Gordon Young

Theresa Merrill

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 79

One: Let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

All: Help us, O God of our salvation; deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER: Giver of every good and perfect gift, your steadfast love endures forever. You redeem the nations from distress and trouble. You gather your people from the corners of the earth. We enter your courts singing thanksgiving for the bountiful mercies you lavish upon us. Hear our glad praises and be pleased with our worship for you are worthy of all honor. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #697

Take My Life

HENDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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: Merciful God, you lead us by the cords of compassion. We seek your forgiveness through Christ's intercession. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, so that we may faithfully obey your will. When we are vengeful, purge our thoughts of resentment and anger. When we bear false witness, turn us from deceit to truthfulness. Cleanse us of selfish desires, and free us to respond to your grace. In righteousness remake us, and through Christ restore us.**

(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: God our Savior desires that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. There is one God, and one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all. With assurance and conviction, I say to you: God in Christ forgives us our sin. 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Sharon Clegern

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

GIFT OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LECTIONARY TEXT:

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, 5 saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, 6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." 7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

ANTHEM

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Tom Merrill

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.
If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

SERMON

The Room Where it Happened...

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 #738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith
sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.
In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

*BENEDICTION

Dr. K. Nicholas Yoda

POSTLUDE

Mighty Maker of All - Rachel Sawyer

Theresa Merrill

The flowers are given by Judi Trefzger in loving memory of parents, Ruth and Larry Gabriel.

THIS WEEK AT PRPC

Sun, Sept 18

8:30 am Service (Chapel)
9:30 State of the Neighborhood Conversation (Heritage Hall)
10:30 am Service (Sanctuary)

Mon, Sept 19

6:00 pm JASGC Language Class (Library)
6:00 pm Boy Scouts (Boy Scout Room)

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fall ♡

Tues, Sept 20

12:00 pm Bible Study (Library)
2:00 pm PWC Team Meeting (Library)
6:00 pm JASGC Language Class (Library)

Wed, Sept 21

7:00 pm Scottish Dancers (Heritage Hall)

Thurs, Sept 22

7:00 pm Choir

Fri, Sept 23

8:30 am Metallic Club (Heritage Hall)

SAVE THE DATES:



Saturday, October 1: Dorothy Fisher Memorial Service 11 am.

Sunday, October 9: Join the Purduettes in concert here at 4 pm in our sanctuary. The Purduettes are traveling through Cincinnati as part of their Fall Break Tour. **This concert is free and open to the public; tickets are not required.**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:

For the month of September, we will be having the State of the Neighborhood Conversations. We have invited community leaders to be with us from 9:30 to 10:20 in Heritage Hall in order for us to hear what is going on in the Ridge and see how we can continue to partner with the community for mission and fellowship.

- 18 Sept: Leadership from Pleasant Ridge Community Council
- 25 Sept: Leadership from Pleasant Ridge Business Association

In October, Dr. Yoda will be leading a book discussion around Man's Search for Meaning written by Victor Frankl.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS:

As we get back into the swing of things at PRPC specifically on Sunday mornings, the Worship Committee is planning on hosting some **Brunch Fellowships** for the congregation, etc. With this in mind, please put the dates on your calendar and look for specific instructions concerning the particular date.

The dates are: - 2 October: World Communion Sunday -20 November: Thanksgiving Box Assembly -25 December: Christmas Day
And as we have one approaching really soon, we would ask a few of you to sign up this morning to bring such things as: A breakfast casserole, fruit, breakfast juice (orange, apple, etc.)

These will need to be brought just prior to the 10:30 service and someone will be at the desk ready to receive for set up in order for everyone to eat right after the 10:30 service. We look forward to these occasions and the blessings that they bring us.



HYBRID NEW LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY:

We started a new Bible Study looking specifically at the Biblical Text that will be preached the following Sunday. These will be weekly at Noon in the Library. Just bring your own Bible and lunch. Everyone is encouraged to read the text prior to coming in order to join in the discussion. Each week, we will walk through three questions in concern for the text:

-What is going on in the text? What is this text saying to me? What does this text need to say to us as a congregation?

We look forward to seeing you there and to get you started, here are the texts that we will be looking at in the weeks to come:

- 20 Sept: Luke 16:19-31
- 27 Sept: Luke 17:5-10
- 4 Oct: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
- 11 Oct: Genesis 32:22-31
- 18 Oct: Psalm 84:1-7
- 25 Oct: Luke 19:1-10

Last, for those that cannot make it to PRPC at that time but want to join in too, please know that this is going to be a hybrid Bible Study. You can join in on ZOOM. Please email Jennifer for the necessary link at SULLIVANJRPC@gmail.com or see the links available in our Constant Contact email announcement.

FALL 2022 RUMMAGE SALE - Mark your calendars.

The Fall Rummage Sale will be Friday, November 4 (1-6pm) & Saturday, November 5 (9am-2pm).



Donations are being accepted NOW! Items we can take at this time include clothing, household and kitchen items, linens, books, tools, decor items, toys and more!

Items can be placed on the stage on Sundays (after service while services are held in Heritage Hall).

There is limited space so please call first if you have larger items (tables, chairs, dressers, etc.) Drop off during the week needs to be scheduled. Contact Judy Davis @ 513-207-6906 to make drop off arrangements.

Most items are accepted however, we cannot take televisions, large appliances, tires, sets of encyclopedias, or old computer monitors (see hamiltoncountyrecycles.org for a list of drop off sites)

REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

New Prayer Concerns:

- **Pam West**, friend of Jeanette Marshal, Health concerns
- **Lorna McCafferty**, Health concerns
- **Horning Family**, passing of member George Horning
- **Fisher Family**, passing of member Dorothy Fisher
- **All Families who have suffered a loss**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

- **Peter Greene**, friend of Jennifer Sullivan, auto accident
- **Vera Lambert**, Health concerns

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 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.