



## **Peace Presbyterian Church**

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**August 30, 2020, 10:30 am**

*As we prepare for worship, please send your prayer requests by way of the "chat" function on Zoom or send a message through Facebook.*

**Prelude**

Musician Patrice Meschke

**Welcome**

Pastor Heidi Vardeman

**Call to Worship**      *from the Iona Community*

The world belongs to God,  
**The earth and all its people.**

How good it is, how wonderful  
**To live together in unity.**  
Love and faith come together.  
**Justice and peace join hands.**  
If Christ's disciples keep silent,  
**These stones would shout aloud**  
Open our lips, O God,  
**And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**Gathering Hymn #438**    *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*  
    **Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,**  
    **The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**  
    **Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers,**  
    **Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**Psalm of the Day**    *Psalm 16:1-8*                      Katrina Bergman  
    Lord, you were favorable to your land.  
    You forgave the iniquity of your people. You pardoned all their sin.  
    Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
    for he will speak peace to his people,  
    to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
    Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
    that his glory may dwell in our land.  
    Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet.  
    Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
    Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
    and righteousness will look down from the sky.  
    The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.  
    Righteousness will go before him, will make a path for his steps.

**Hymn STF#2129**                      *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*  
    **I have decided to follow Jesus;**  
    **I have decided to follow Jesus;**  
    **I have decided to follow Jesus;**  
    **no turning back, no turning back.**  
  
    **The world behind me, the cross before me;**  
    **the world behind me, the cross before me,**  
    **the world behind me, the cross before me;**  
    **no turning back, no turning back.**

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, Maker of all  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Jesus Christ, servant of the poor,  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Holy Spirit, breath of life,  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Let us in silence confess our sins and admit our frailty.

*Silent prayer*

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness, to the ways that I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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**Song of Rejoicing**      *The First Song of Isaiah*

*We sing the first stanza for ourselves as individuals:*

**Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

*We sing the second stanza as a church, a community of faith:*

**Surely, it is God who saves us;  
We will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is our stronghold and our sure defense,  
and he will be our Savior.**

**Passing the Peace**

... The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The pastor will now "unmute" all participants. Add video if you are on Zoom. Please greet one another by waving, smiling, or saying "Peace!"*

**Concerns of The Church**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 16:13-23

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

## **Sermon**

Pretty Hard to Hear

## **Special Music**

### **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

*If you are on Zoom and able to "chat" you can share your prayer concern by clicking "everyone" or you can send a private message to Peace Presbyterian.*

### **Sung Preparation for Prayer #404**

*Precious Lord*

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, help me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

## **Prayers of The People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## The Offertory

## Doxology #591

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ all people here below  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore  
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

## Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

## Closing Hymn #432

### *Song of Hope*

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

## Benediction

## Fellowship

*Join us after the Zoom worship service for fellowship!*

*Next week, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Before the service, as you prepare your table for partaking of communion, please consider taking a photo of your communion table and sending it to [peaceprezslp@gmail.com](mailto:peaceprezslp@gmail.com). At our communion service in October, we hope to put together a slideshow of the many different communion tables. If you do not have a way easily to take a photo, please call Pastor Heidi and we'll figure out how to get a photo taken and sent to the church by e-mail.*