



Peace Presbyterian Church

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September 6, 2020, 10:30 am Celebration of Holy Communion

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

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.**

Call to Worship

Psalm 119:33-40

Katrina Bergman

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.
Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.
Let us join together and worship God.

Hymn #370, verses 1 and 3

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

**Just as I am, without one plea,
but that Thy blood was shed for me,
and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not always loved you. You call, but too often we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, war, and greed. Loving God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

As far as the north is from the south, and the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as the Lord has forgiven you. And, above, everything else, be loving, and never forget to be faithful for what God has done for you.

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

Please remember to take a photo of your communion table and send it to the church e-mail: peaceprezslp@gmail.com

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Communion Meditation

The Challenge of Forgiveness

Communion Hymn #513 **Let Us Break Bread Together**

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Story of the Last Supper

Loving God, through your goodness, we have this meal to share. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread and cup so that we may know your touch in all bread, in all matter.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among this community through the centuries and shares with us now. Made one in Christ, and one with each other, may be inspired to live lives of faith, hope and love. Amen.

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.**

Words of Consecration

Communion of the People **Let Us Break Bread Together**

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Prayer after Communion

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

Bless our offerings which we give in response to your great generosity to us. Bless them and us so that we may work together in the building up of the common good. 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!