



Peace Presbyterian Church

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September 13, 2020, 10:30 am

10:30 am – Parking Lot and Zoom Worship

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

Katrina Bergman

There are different gifts, but it is the same spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through different people in different ways,
But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through us all
Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
to use it for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ, Individually members of him.
Let us join together to worship God.

Hymn

This Is the Day

**This is the day That the Lord has made,
We will rejoice And be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day,
That the Lord has made.**

Prayer of Confession *from the Iona Community*

Let us join together to confess our sins.

**Have mercy on us, gracious God, as we admit how often we have fallen short of the mark,
how often we have sunk into discouragement and apathy, how often we have forgotten
that you want us to be instruments of your peace. Forgive us for giving up too often.
Pardon us for wandering away from your way.**

Confess your sins silently.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. 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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

“But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Sermon **Seventy Seven Times? You Must Be Kidding!**

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.

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

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!