



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 28, 2018



Westminster Peal

Prelude "Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott" by Andreas Armsdorf

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Susan Haynes

Choral Call to Worship "God, Reveal Your Presence"
by Joachim Neander; The Presbyterian Church of Canada

*In God's holy presence, hear the harps resounding; see the crowds the throne surrounding
"Holy, holy, holy!" hear the hymn ascending, angels, saints, their voices blending.
Turn your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises that your church now raises.*

† **Gathering as the Children of God** Rev. Haynes

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Serve the Lord with gladness!

One: Come into his presence with singing!

All: Know that the Lord is God!

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

All: Enter his courts with praise!

† **Hymn No. 150** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

† **Prayer of Confession** (unison) Rev. Ricardo Green

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon** Rev. Haynes

One: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

† **Response** "Seek Ye First" (Hymn no. 333)

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

† Those who are able, please stand

† Passing of the Peace

Rev. Green

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.



Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Haynes

Scripture Lesson (p. 44 NT)

Mark 10:46-52

Rev. Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem/Special Music

"I'll Praise My Maker"

by TJ Shirley

*I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past, While life, and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures.
Happy the ones whose hopes rely, On Israel's God, He made the sky
And earth, and seas, with all their train.
His truth forever stand secure; He saves the oppressed, He feeds the poor.
And none shall find His promise vain.
The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; The Lord supports the fainting mind;
He sends the laboring conscience peace;
He helps the stranger in distress. The widow and the parentless,
And grants the prisoner sweet release.
I'll praise Him while He lends me breath; And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past. While life and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures. I'll praise my Maker while I have breath!*

Sermon

"Presbyopia"

Rev. Haynes

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Rev. Haynes

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.



† Hymn No. 282

"If Thou by Trust in God to Guide Thee"

Prayers of the People



The words of "Be Thou my Vision" are based on a Middle Irish poem often attributed to the sixth-century Irish Christian poet Dallán Forgaill. The best-known English version, with some minor variations, was translated by Eleanor Hull and published in 1912. Since 1919 it has been commonly sung to the Irish folk tune "Slane".

Stewardship Talk

Steve Whisenant

Offering

Offertory

"Antiphone III, Op. 18, No. 3"

by Marcel Dupre

† **Response**

The Doxology

***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 Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Green

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is

Benediction, from the Latin words "to speak well," is a short invocation for divine blessing, help, and guidance. Benedictions have been a part of the liturgical makeup of worship services since very early in Christian history and have been practiced widely in
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† **Closing Hymn No. 339**

"Be Thou My Vision"

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Congregation Response** (*hymn no. 584*)

"Amen"

† **Postlude**

"To God Be the Glory"

by William H. Doane, arr. Mark Hayesach

† Those who are able, please stand

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both eastern and western branches of Christianity. In Presbyterian worship services, benedictions typically happen at the closing of the worship service and are sometimes accompanied by a charge to the congregation as it is sent from worship into the world to serve.



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We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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