



May God bless you in this time when we are apart physically.

Woodlawn Chapel Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 2, 2020

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering Together

Prelude

Harry Moppins

Welcome & Announcements

Chris Keating

Call to Worship

Carol Stepp

Our call to worship this morning is from The Message translation of Isaiah 55, verses 1-5

**Hey there! All who are thirsty,
come to the water!
Are you penniless?
Come anyway—buy and eat!
Come, buy your drinks, buy wine and milk.
Buy without money—everything's free!
Why do you spend your money on junk food,
your hard-earned cash on cotton candy?
Listen to me, listen well: Eat only the best,
fill yourself with only the finest.
Pay attention, come close now,
listen carefully to my life-giving, life-nourishing words.**

Hymn: #366, "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down: fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

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Prayer of Confession: God of abundance, in your hands meager offerings become bread to feed a multitude. Your mercy overflows to fill deserted landscapes with hope and grace. In you there is always more than enough. But we see only scarcity: too few resources to share with our neighbors, too little energy to respond to those in need. We turn from those who suffer rather than offering compassion and care. Transform us, we pray. Open our hands to share freely and generously and stretch our hearts to new expressions of love.

Words of Assurance: Hear the promise of God, in the words of Psalm 145:

“The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.” Be at peace with yourselves and each other and know that our sins are forgiven. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Proclaiming God’s Word

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 14:13-21

14:13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

14:15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Sermon: “Enough is Enough”

Chris Keating

Respond

An invitation to share

Chris Keating

Hymn: #468 “In My Life”

In my life Lord be glorified, be glorified
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In my song Lord be glorified, be glorified
In my song Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord be glorified, be glorified
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts," and "debtors")

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

This is the joyful feast of God's people. Scripture reminds us that people will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. We gather today around this table, and around tables in living rooms and family rooms, in kitchens and dining rooms. We bring small pieces of bread, but trust that God will provide enough. We offer small sips of juice, but in faith know that this is the feast of all of God's people. Let us gather knowing that our Savior invites all who trust in him to share this meal which he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, followed by the Lord's Prayer

Loving and ever gracious God, we praise you for all your works in creation. The sea is yours, the mountains are yours, the dry lands and the green forests. All creation praises you for your gracious and unending love. Even though we sin, you seek us out. When your people disobeyed your law, you sent your prophets. When we rebelled even more, you sent us Christ, your only son, who offered his life that we might live.

Holy are you, O God! And Blessed is your Son, Jesus our Lord. He offers us the bread of life, and lifts us from despair and sin. We remember all your mighty acts, and give thanks for your unending love.

Let your Spirit descend on us and on these your gifts of bread and wine. May the bread we break and the cup we share become for us the communion of the body of and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with each other and with Christ, and all bless his name. Send us out to be the bread of Christ in this world, so that all people may see your love and find your peace.

Hear the prayers we offer today for those who need your care,

Be with those who are struggling,

All who are ill or grieving.

Be in our world, and with our leaders,

and may your healing come upon all creation.

Let the heart of Christ's compassion be in all of us,

until that time when we shall feast with you and the saints who have gone before us,

All this we ask in Christ, through Christ, and with Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, and in the power of your Holy name, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion of God's People

Prayer following Communion

Hymn: 469, "Amazing Grace"

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Benediction