

Announcements for the Week of August 23-30, 2020

Welcome! Whether you are joining us in person or online today, we pray that in this time of worship you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring community of faith.

As we return to in-person worship while the COVID-19 virus continues to pose health risks to our community and congregation, we are committed to loving our neighbor by following the *Plan for Resuming In-Person Worship*, adopted by the Session on May 19, 2020. Thank you for your cooperation, flexibility and patience as we adapt to some new ways of worshipping together. The *Plan* is being reviewed regularly and new or updated provisions will be shared as soon as possible. We will continue to provide online worship access for the foreseeable future to include anyone who is unable or does not feel comfortable being physically present in worship.

The Session will meet on MONDAY, August 24, at 6:30 p.m.

We welcome Mary Begley as our new Administrative Assistant! With Mary's presence, the Church Office has returned to regular hours, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Prayer Concerns

Homebound friends and family members, Herb Adams, Sandra Adams, Dwight Barnett, Chuck Barton, Jim Becker, Charlene Blair, Aiden Craft, Bill & Barbara Foote, Pam & Robb Hall, Carolyn Hendrickson, Philip Martin, Ruth Martin, Family of Joanna Middleton, Pieter Nies & family, Keats Smith, Angie Riley, Jearld Robinson, Donny Seay, Jack Taylor, Ed Tye, Kathy Zanio; Residents & Staff of Christian Care Communities.

With confidence in your love and mercy, O God, we lift our prayers for those in need. Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance, working in them by your grace, wonders beyond all they may dream or hope. Amen.

We have been updating the prayer list. Please send additions and updates to churchoffice@corbinpres.org or leave a message on the church voicemail at 606-528-1444.



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The Reverend Lisa R. Eye, Pastor
Clay Howard, Director of Music/Organist
Mary Begley, Administrative Assistant

Session

Rev. Lisa Eye, Moderator Mary Begley, Clerk

Class of 2020
Karen Nies

Class of 2021
Tom Fish

Class of 2022
Janet Martin
Doralene Webb

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Service for the Lord's Day

August 23, 2020

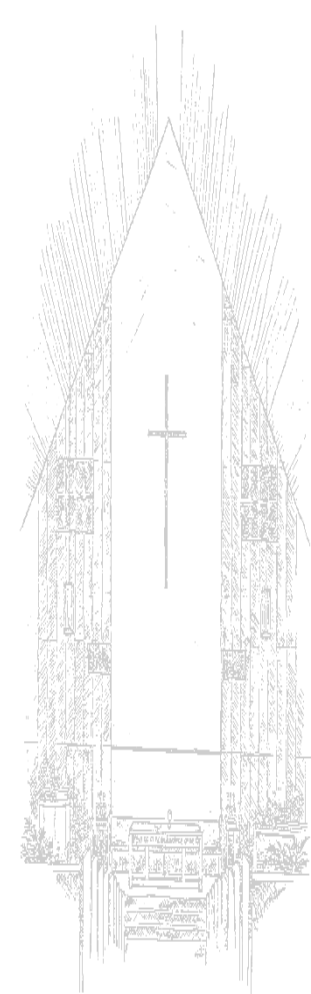
11:00 o'clock

12th Sunday after Pentecost

"He asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?'" Matthew 16:13

Gathering Around the Word

While unison prayers, responses, and congregational singing are not yet safe as we gather for in-person worship, the texts are printed so that you may pray, respond, and sing "in your heart" as the words are spoken or music is played by worship leaders.



Gathering Hymns

Prelude *Largo* **Arcangelo Corelli**
1653-1713

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *from Romans 12:1, 5*

You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.
We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.
Let us worship God.

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon & Peace

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10 *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we.” ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

² Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” ⁸ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20 *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ 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.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Sermon *Who Do You Say That I Am?* The Rev. Lisa R. Eye

Responding to the Word

Musical Moment for Mediation *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

*For Thy church that evermore Lifest holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.*

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

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; and the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offering plates will not be passed in the sanctuary this morning. There are offering envelopes and a plate on the table just outside the sanctuary doors where you may place your offering before you leave. All worshippers, here or at home, may send offerings to Corbin Presbyterian Church, 601 Master St., Corbin, KY 40701.

Musical Prayer of Dedication

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

*For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.*

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

...We make these and all our prayers in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray:

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 the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Following the Word into the World

Charge & Blessing

The pastor will dismiss those worshipping in the sanctuary by rows.

Postlude

Sortie in D

César Franck
1822-1890

Lectionary Texts for Today: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Questions for Reflection: As you reflect on today’s story of the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, who feared God and defied the Egyptian king’s order to kill baby boys born to the Hebrews, and Jesus’ exchange with the disciples when they came into Caesarea Philippi,

1. Have you ever been asked by someone about your Christian beliefs? About Jesus? How did you, or would you, answer?
2. When have you felt as if God has given you the courage to do or say something you would not have done without that divine intervention?
3. When you read about Shiphrah and Puah, can you imagine being in their position? In your role, office or spheres of influence, how are you called to fear God over Pharaoh?
4. Have you been surprised by how God has used you and your gifts?
5. When have you made a public declaration of faith? What were the circumstances? How did you feel about doing so?
6. In our current culture, who do various people/groups say that Jesus is?

