

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING PRAYER

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.” - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Bryant Hand

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moore

Rev. Michael

PRELUDE

Lamb of G-d
Leslie Goldsmith, piano

Twila Paris

CALL TO WORSHIP

Call upon God's Wisdom, out loud, but muted
She will answer!
Seek God's Wisdom, out loud, but muted
She dwells in the midst of life.
Follow God's Wisdom, out loud, but muted
She leads in the paths of light and generosity.

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HYMN

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession is not about how our lives look to others, but rather how God sees our heart. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Though we may delight to be here, together, in worship, let us remember that the Prophet Amos offers us a word from God to challenge any complacent comfort. Our praise, our worship, our singing, however beautiful and heartfelt, must be accompanied by the work of justice in community. What pleases God is to have justice pour from our lives like waters, and righteousness from our work, like an ever-flowing stream. So let us pause for a moment: what parts of our lives, our community, our world, are thirsting for waters of Justice and Righteousness? - *A period of silent reflection follows* - Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Michael Moore

God's grace flows through our lives, refreshing and making all things new. Let this grace flow from us as justice and righteousness, that our lives and work may bless our world. **Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE Elliott, Everett, and Jessica Bookhardt Snyder
As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with each of us, let us now share that peace with each other.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Amos 5:18-24 Rev. Michael Moore

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

We are One Brian Tate
based on Deuteronomy 6:4-6
Emily Graffius, Brianna Cunningham, Ámari Jiménez, trio
Karen Graffius, piano

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13 Rev. Michael Moore

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SERMON Who's In and Who's Out: Challenging Our Way of Thinking

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Faith)

(from the PCUSA Brief Statement of

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

... Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... Great is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

... Through Christ, with Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.

The Communion of God's People

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

WORD OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING

Bryant Hand

Readiness for Mission is one way to interpret the diligence of the Wise Wedding Attendants. Their lamps are filled and available to be sparked into light at the moment the Beloved appears to begin the wedding feast of justice, love and peace. Let us be ready, too, with our tithes and offerings, to support the work of our congregation and the wider church.

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FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations
Tony Colpini, songleader

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sonata in F Minor, Op. 65, No. 1, Finale

Felix Mendelssohn

Dawn McCord, organ

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore

Music Director and Organist: Dawn McCord

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Liturgist: Bryant Hand

Sound Technician: Bryant Hand

Musical Meditations: Mary Anne Taylor & Bryant Hand

Handbell Director: Brianna Cunningham



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, November 9		
Tuesday, November 10		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks Study	
Wednesday, November 11		
Thursday, November 12		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
6:30 p.m.	Wine and the Word Circle	
Friday, November 13		
Saturday, November 14		
Sunday, November 15		
9:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	
11:00 a.m.	Streaming Worship Service	Worship Team

* For more information on any of these events, please contact the church office, or an elder serving on the appropriate leadership team.

Session Members: Jay Horsley (Admin), Mimi Gentry (Communications), Mary Anne Taylor (Worship), Dena Wilson (Fellowship & Worship), Chase Robinson (Stewardship & Finance), Carolyn Aycock (Stewardship & Finance), Pat Sheffield (Member Care), Jared Price (Christian Ed.), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Patti Stewart (Outreach), and Jeff Branyon (Outreach)