

# CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.



## PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

### CENTERING MOMENT

"We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community." - Dorothy Day

As you enter the sanctuary, we invite you into the sacred silence as we prepare our hearts for worship. The Musical Meditations are a part of that preparation and we are so thankful for Mary Anne and Don who share their musical offerings each week.

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

"I Just Want to Thank You Lord "

Judy Marshall

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mimi Gentry

### PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Arr: Hal H. Hopsin

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Allen Somerlot

What good is it if we say we love all people, but give special treatment to a few?

**God calls us to love others as deeply as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.**

What good is it if we say we want God to show mercy towards us, but are quick to judge others?

**God calls us to forgive our sisters and brothers, to let mercy triumph over judgment.**

What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment, but live guided by our fears?

**We will speak and act as those who trust God to come and live in our fearful hearts.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

GTG #610

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Allen Somerlot

We find it a lot easier to play favorites, rather than treating everyone equally. We find it simpler to classify others as 'them,' instead of discovering what makes them beloved in God's eyes. We cling to fear when we could grasp hold of God's enduring love. Let us confess together all we have done, and not done, which brings hurt to others, and harm to ourselves. Join me, as we pray together, saying,

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Allen Somerlot

**How glibly we say we trust you, Holy One, and how quickly our fears silence our words. We find you at the side of the poor, while we cozy up to the rich and famous. You stand behind the counter serving the hungry at the soup kitchen, while we are stocking our freezers and pantries till they overflow. We look down at those whose hands are**

dirty, but your hand of mercy pulls them into your embracing love. Forgive us, O Lord, and do good to us when we have trouble doing good for others. Surround us with your love; surround us with your grace; surround us with your peace; surround us with the Spirit of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. -- *Silence is kept*. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Rev. George Tatro

Be strong, do not fear! God comes, to fill your parched souls with living water, to open your eyes to the grace which is yours. God comes, for no other reason than to save us. This is indeed good news. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

**GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be To The Father

GTG #581

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Rev. George Tatro

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

**\*HYMN**

Trust in God (Psalm 125)

GTG #848

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:**

James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

Rev. George Tatro

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

**THIRD SCRIPTURE READING:**

Gospel Mark 7:24-37

Rev. George Tatro

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

**SERMON**

A place at the table

Rev. George Tatro

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

## 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**

(When you hear Lord in your mercy, please respond by saying: hear our 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**

### **WORDS OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING**

Allen Somerlot

God's love is revealed in those who seek to be faithful in sharing their gifts, so the hungry might be fed, so the lonely might be comforted, so the forgotten will be remembered, so our sisters and brothers might know God's grace and love in their lives. Amen.

### **OFFERTORY**

Boundless Love

(you are invited to bring your offering to the plate on the Communion Table)

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG #606

## **FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

In Christ There Is No East or West

GTG #317

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### **\*\*POSTLUDE**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

\* You are invited to stand, if able

\*\* You are invited to remain seated for the postlude

The liturgy was written by Pastor Michael's friend and colleague, Thom M. Shuman and is found in his book, Where the Broken Gather © 2014

**Please refrain from talking after the Benediction. The livestream doesn't end until after the postlude and conversations can be heard during the livestream.**

**"We are livestreaming this service so people can join us wherever they are. Please know that we have cameras recording, and your image may show up on our broadcast. Thanks so much."**

Thanks to everyone who is viewing from home. You're as much a part of this service as anyone attending in person. You add power to our congregation's prayer and praise.

Rev. George Tatro served as senior pastor at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church for 10 years until it engrafted into Eastminster Presbyterian Church in May of this year. Since then he has been a peripatetic preacher in the Presbytery and is thankful for the opportunity to bring words of hope, joy, and inspiration wherever he goes.

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. George Tatro

Organist: Bryant Hand

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Liturgist: Allen Somerlot

Musical Meditation: Don Rice

Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison

Jared Price, Jane Taylor, and Denise Moore

Ushers: Al & Mim Jones

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Come and See!** Follow Me! Jesus said this numerous times his disciples and other followers.

**Come and See!** is the title of the 1st four chapters in the book "Jumping for Joy."

**Come and See!** what the Spirit can do

**Sept 15th, 22nd and 29th at 6pm** here at Westminster Hall as Joy Smith Griffin leads us in a Spiritual Renewal.

If you would like to read Joy's book, they may be purchased in the church office.

**Food:** Brown bag with sandwich, chips and cookie. Beverages will be provided. Cost of \$5 per person for a bag and can be paid for at the door. One bag per person.

**Reservations:** We request reservation to attend. Please notify the church office with the number per family attending and how many bags of food needed, if eating.

**Invite family and friends.**

**Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.**

There are many ministries that Carrollton Presbyterian Church supports in our community and beyond. You may give of your time, talent, and tithes by contacting the church office, mailing a check to the church or by giving online through Realm Communications or [www.carrolltonpresbyterian.church](http://www.carrolltonpresbyterian.church).

Thank you for this prayerful consideration of your gifts.

Want to hear about how Carrollton Presbyterian is sharing the Love of Christ with a wounded world? Sign up for Heartbeat, our weekly emailed newsletter. It's full of great photos and bits of news about what we're doing here. [www.carrolltonpresbyterian.com](http://www.carrolltonpresbyterian.com)

## Opportunities to Reach Out as the Hands and Feet of Christ



Please save your plastic grocery bags for use in the backpack program. Your bags can be dropped off at the Manse.



Be a part of a backpack packing team. Look for an email this week with a signup link to join a team.



Provide snacks for the Healthcare Heroes of 3 East at Tanner. Drop off individually wrapped snack items at the Manse.



Help us design and build our *CPC Little Food Pantry*. If you have an idea of what our LFP could look like and/or if you would like to be part of the building team, please email or text Linda and let's get this project started!

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm.

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
<b>Monday, September 6</b>	Labor Day-Church Office Closed	
<b>Tuesday, September 7</b>		
12:00 p.m.	Al-anon	
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:30-7:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study	
<b>Wednesday, September 8</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Devotional and Fellowship	
<b>Thursday, September 9</b>		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
<b>Friday, September 10</b>		
<b>Saturday, September 11</b>		
<b>Sunday, September 12</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Tai Chi will start back in the fall	Mimi Gentry
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary	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), Bennett Brown (Fellowship), Dena Wilson (Worship), Chase Robinson (Stewardship & Finance), Bette Stuckey (Member Care), Andy Taylor (Member Care), Lisa Somerlot (Christian Ed.), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Linda Handyside (Outreach), Jeff Branyon (Outreach).