

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

June 23, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, you alone can bring order to our unruly wills and affections. Give us grace to love what you command and desire what you promise, that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world, our hearts may be surely fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me.

People: **"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.**

Leader: Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path.

People: **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!** Psalm 27

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: ***I Sing the Mighty Power of God*** #32

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O God our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have failed in our ministry to others. We listen for teachings to our own liking. We yearn for doctrines that boost our egos. We follow those who flatter us. We seek comfort and not challenge from our confessions of faith. Renew a right spirit within us, O God, and train us in righteousness as we ask you to forgive us again.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: ***Have Mercy, God, upon My Life*** #421

verses 1 and 4

**Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
Pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.**

**Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new.
Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Jesus Christ is the judge of all people. His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life and gives promise of God's final victory over the power of sin and death. To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal; to refuse life from him is to choose the death which is separation from God.

People: **All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is our redeemer.**

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*Gloria Patri: ***Glory to God*** #583

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;** #606

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 139: 1-12; 23-24**

Highland Cathedral

Leader: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

People: **You are before me, Lord, You are behind,
And over me you have spread out Your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
Too high to grasp, too great to understand.**

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

People: **Then from Your Spirit where, Lord, shall I go;
And from Your presence where, Lord, shall I fly?
If I ascend to heaven You are there,
And still are with me if in hell I lie.**

Leader: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me; your right hand will hold me fast.

People: **If I should take my flight into the dawn,
If I should dwell on ocean's farthest shore,
Your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
And Your right hand will guard me ever more.**

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

People: **If I should say, "Let darkness cover me,
And I shall hide within the veil of night,"
Surely the darkness is not dark to You:
The night is as the day, the darkness light.**

Leader: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

People: **Search me, O God, search me and know my heart;
Try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
Keep me from any path that gives You pain,
And lead me in the everlasting way.**

Scripture Reading: **John 14:15-27**

Anthem: ***In the Sweet By and By*** arr. Howard Helvey

Time for Young Disciples

Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.

*Hymn: ***Just a Closer Walk with Thee*** #835

Scripture Reading: **Acts 17:16-17; 24-28a**

Sermon: **When You Are Alone**

Prayers of the People

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.

*Affirmation of Faith: 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; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: ***Fight the Good Fight*** #846

*Benediction

*Choral Response: ***May the Grace of Christ Be With You*** arr. Dale Wood

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Nacogdoches, Texas



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Second Sunday after Pentecost

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.

²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸For in him we live and move and have our being.

~ Acts 17:16-17; 24-28a

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 23

6:00 pm Session Meeting

Sunday, June 30

11:00 am Worship Service

TODAY’S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by the Westminster Session and Jack Murff of The Flower Shop in loving memory of Jim Sparks.