

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

July 7, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

People: **The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.**

Leader: Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. Psalm 33:10-12

People: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: **God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand** #331

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God our Father, you led men and women to this land, and out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **O Lord, Have Mercy** #578

**O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**
Psalm 130:3-4

Leader: God, in Christ, redeems us from all our sins. This is the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri: **Glory Be to the Father** #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

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:

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 30**

Leader: I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

People: **LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.**

Leader: You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.

People: **Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.**

Leader: For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

People: **When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."**

Leader: LORD, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

People: **To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:**

Leader: "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?"

People: **Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help."**

Leader: You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

People: **That my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise you forever.**

Scripture Reading: **Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

Anthem: **Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor** Irving Berlin

Time for Young Disciples Sharon Templeman
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: **O Beautiful for Spacious Skies** #338

Scripture Reading: **Second Kings 5:1-14**

Sermon: **Holy Dirt** George Patterson

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: **Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun** #265

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **God Be With You Till We Meet Again** #541

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR

(Inscription on the Statue of Liberty)

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips, "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Emma Lazarus

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Nacogdoches, Texas



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Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

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THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor or one of the elders following the service.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Chris Kline Charlotte Bock
 Sue Johnson Rick Bock

Shepherd: Nancy Niehaus

Liturgist: Sharon Templeman

Reader: Amy Maurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 11

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, July 14

11:00 am Worship Service

12:00 noon Communion Reception

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by the Westminster members who contribute to the flower fund.

⁸When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel."⁹So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

¹¹But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

¹³Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

~ Second Kings 5:1-14

THE SESSION

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¹Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

²Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

⁴Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. ⁵"By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. ⁶The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

⁷As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

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