

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

July 21, 2019

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*All-Powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life, and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil, in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein;

People: **For he has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: **They who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

Psalm 24

All: **Let us joyfully worship God of all creation.**

\*Hymn: ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** #14

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**You have given us a world of beauty, and we pollute it. You have given a world to feed us, and so many go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness, every time we have no thought for others, no cares but ours. Enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared, and those who live on it as our neighbors. We ask that your name may be glorified, through the beauty of this world and the service of our lives.**

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: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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

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

\*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:

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. 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: **Mark 3:1-6**

Anthem: ***With a Voice of Singing*** Martin Shaw

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: ***O Day of Peace*** #373

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 5:21-26**

Sermon: **Anger**

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: from the Brief Statement of Faith

**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 true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and**

nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

\*Hymn: *Take My Life* #697  
verses 1, 2, 5, 6

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter Lutkin

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

#### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Michael Maurer Lois Hejl  
Amy Maurer Al Hejl

Shepherd: Billie Kitchens

Liturgist: Barbara Stump

Reader: Sharon Templeman

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Monday, July 22

August newsletter deadline

##### Sunday, July 28

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 members who contribute to the flower fund.

## Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.

**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.

#### THE SESSION

##### Class of 2019

Bruce McNellie  
Robin Moore  
Ray Taylor  
Patricia Thompson  
Betsy Tucker

##### Class of 2020

Ken Deppisch  
Bennie Kitchens  
Terry Kline  
Terri Moehring  
Barbara Stump

##### Class of 2021

Deborah Dalton  
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Michele Peck  
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#### MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

#### CHURCH STAFF:

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<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

<sup>25</sup>“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

~ Matthew 5:21-26