

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day September 3, 2017
 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolation he has brought on the earth.

People: **He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.**

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

People: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**
 Psalm 46:8-11

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* #81

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Do not harden our hearts, O God, to the sound of your voice. We confess we don't listen to the word that you send. You give us Jesus, the Word of Life in our midst; we confess our delay in obeying the direction he brings. You promise the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power; we confess ignoring your guidance. Forgive us our sin, and help us through Christ to enter the rest you have promised.

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: Our assurance is this: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

People: **For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh could not do. God sent a Savior, who redeems us of all unworthiness."** Romans 8:1,3

Leader: Friends, this is the good news!

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; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.** #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Almighty God, we give thanks that your word is eternal – your truths do not change and you are ever faithful. May we hear your word, respond to it, and allow it to lead us in your ways. By your Holy Spirit help us to remember what you would tell us this day, and understanding your laws, may we be saved from living careless lives. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. Based on Psalm 119:89-96

Psalter: **Psalm 116:1-4, 12-14, 17-19**

Tune: Maryton #738; *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Leader: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "LORD, save me!"

People: **I love the Lord, who heard my voice and answered my most earnest plea; When snares of death my life would take, e'en then, O God, I call on Thee.**

Leader: What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

People: **I lift salvation's cup from which Thou had me drink to seal my vow; And in the sight of all around, I honor my commitment now.**

Leader: I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD—in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

People: **The recompense for what is mine is to exalt Thy name always: My heart with thanks should ne'er run dry, nor tongue refuse to sing Thy praise.**

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 3:1-15**

Anthem: *The Storm is Passing Over* Charles Tindley/B.Baker

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: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #377

Scripture: **Matthew 16:21-28**

Sermon: **Take Up Your Cross**

*Affirmation of Faith: **Nicene Creed** hymnbook page 34

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

RESPONSE: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* #240
 (verses 1 and 4)

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Give thanks to the risen Lord.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Give praise to his name

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (Refrain)
 Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

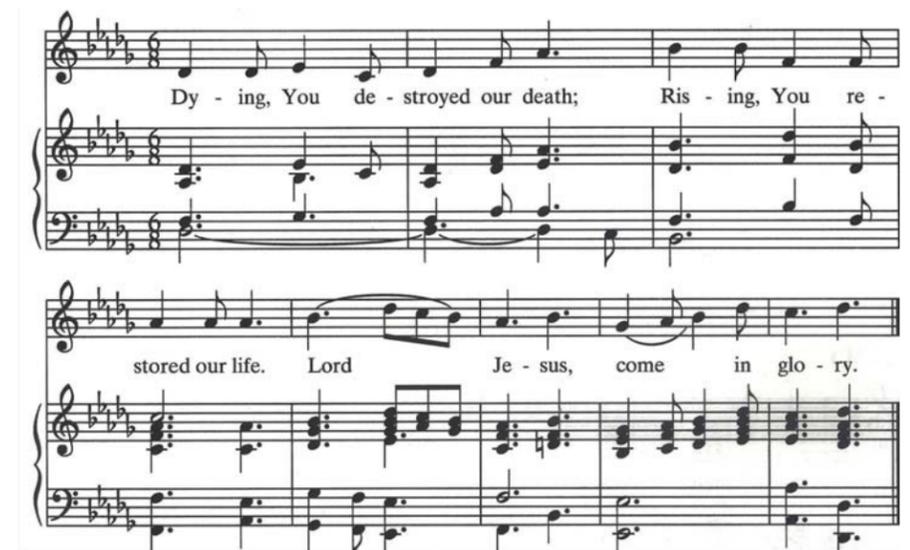
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

RESPONSE: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Argentine folk song

Holy, holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores You!
 My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

RESPONSE: *Dying You Destroyed Our Death*



LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD TOGETHER AND SHARING THE CUP

CLOSING PRAYER:

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

People: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,

People: And he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away. Psalm 148

All: O God of our salvation, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Response: Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;
For on the holy cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.
(Interlude)
Christ, we do all adore Thee.

*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers: Rick Bock Jane Brister
Charlotte Bock Noble Peck

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Liturgist: Kristi Hachtel

Reader: Claire Bray

Preparing Communion: Lisa Thompson

Serving Communion: Kristi Hachtel Charles Gavin
Lynnae Perdue James Allums
Sharon Templeman

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 3

12:00 noon Communion Reception hosted
by Building and Grounds Committee

Monday, September 4

Labor Day – office closed

Tuesday, September 5

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, September 6

5:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting

6:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 7

9:30 am Presbyterian Women General Meeting

Sunday, September 10

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Children's Choir

11:00 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Blood Drive

5:30 pm Hamburgers and Swimming

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Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire
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the service.

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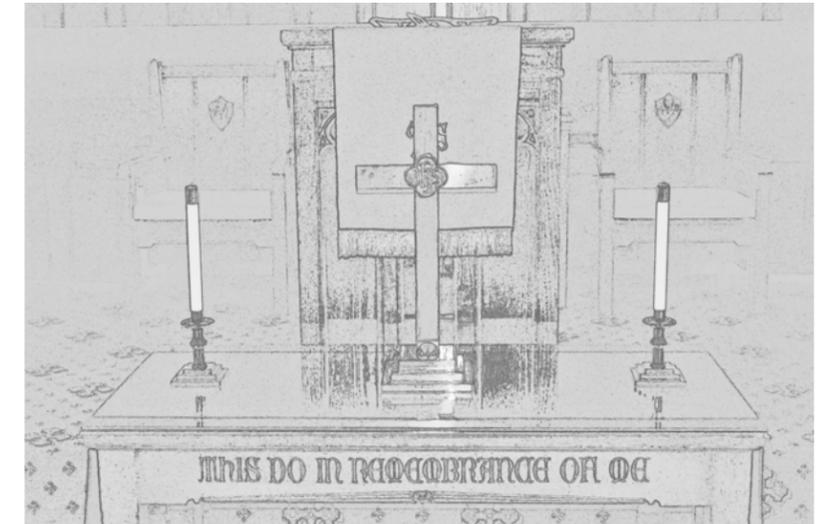
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21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he
must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders,
the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed
and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!"
he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a
stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God,
but merely human concerns."

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my
disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their
life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the
whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange
for their soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's
glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to
what they have done.

28 "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste
death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."
Matthew 16:21-28