

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

August 20, 2017

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever!

People: One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power. Psalm 145:1, 4, 10, 11

All: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns #268

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of compassion, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have passed by our neighbors, and ignored opportunities to show them mercy. We have mocked their misery by making excuses to avoid their plight. We who have been taught the law of love practice instead the law of self-interest. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ who came to rescue us from the power of darkness and transfer us into your Kingdom.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

People: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:17-18

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

People: They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: 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:

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, may we hear your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 23

People respond singing The King of Love My Shepherd Is #802

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: Sing verse 1

Leader: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

People: Sing verse 2

Leader: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: Sing verse 3

Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

People: Sing verse 4

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

People: Sing verse 5

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

People: Sing verse 6

Scripture Reading: John 19:12-16

Solo: Ride On, King Jesus arr. H. T. Burleigh  
Brenton Mattox, bass

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 Love Thy Kingdom, Lord #310

Scripture Reading: Judges 9:7-15

Sermon: Old Testament Parables – The Trees

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: Lead On, O King Eternal! #269

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

**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 SESSION**

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All the Members of the Congregation

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August 20, 2017  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim, and cried aloud and said to them, "Listen to me, you lords of Shechem, so that God may listen to you.

<sup>8</sup>The trees once went out to anoint a king over themselves. So they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us.' <sup>9</sup>The olive tree answered them, 'Shall I stop producing my rich oil by which gods and mortals are honored, and go to sway over the trees?'

<sup>10</sup>Then the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come and reign over us.' <sup>11</sup>But the fig tree answered them, 'Shall I stop producing my sweetness and my delicious fruit, and go to sway over the trees?'

<sup>12</sup>Then the trees said to the vine, 'You come and reign over us.' <sup>13</sup>But the vine said to them, 'Shall I stop producing my wine that cheers gods and mortals, and go to sway over the trees?'

<sup>14</sup>So all the trees said to the bramble, 'You come and reign over us.' <sup>15</sup>And the bramble said to the trees, 'If in good faith you are anointing me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon.'

Judges 9:7-15

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Ushers: Al Hejl Charlotte Bock  
Lois Hejl Rick Bock  
Shepherd: Betsy Tucker  
Liturgist: Jennifer Marshall  
Reader: Ron Anderson

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, August 20**

12:00 noon Reception for the Marshalls  
6:00 pm Session Meeting

**Tuesday, August 22**

September newsletter deadline

**Saturday, August 26**

9:00 – 12:00 Handbell Retreat

**Sunday, August 27**

*Rally Day*

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Children's Choir  
5:30 pm Youth

**Tuesday, August 29**

1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild  
5:30 pm Handbell Practice

**Wednesday, August 30**

7:30 pm Choir Practice

**TODAY'S FLOWERS**

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Chris Bray in loving memory of Jimmy Bray.