

09/13/2020
Sunday: Proper 18, Year A

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song; give praise in the assembly of the faithful.

For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the humble with victory.

Let us praise God's name with dancing, making melody with tambourine and lyre.

Let the faithful exult in glory; we will sing for joy and let the high praises of God be in our throats.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord. Day by day you guide us; every breath we take is a gift of your mercy. You strengthen our knees to serve you. You lift our hands to give you all praise. We come before you in the company of sisters and brothers to give you the worship due your wonderful name. May our words be worthy of the trust you place in us and our meditations mindful of your benevolent care. Amen.

HYMN: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (394)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

With the dawn comes awareness that we are to serve you in all that we do. Yet we turn our backs on you when called on to act. Our eyes deceive us when we lust after others. While we may not murder we do not hesitate to harm. It is so easy to covet when others have what we want. We fail to love neighbors as Christ taught us to do. We hear how a new day awaits us, to put on the armor of light. We confess our unwillingness to wear your mantle of love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Paul reminds us how "it is now the moment . . . to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near." We may then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:15-20

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Jesus' Four-Step Process

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: The Day of Resurrection! (233)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from *A Brief Statement of Faith: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, 11.4)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life . . . In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: **Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.**

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

We know whatever we bind on Earth will be bound in Heaven; whatever we loose on Earth will be loosed in Heaven. We seek to bind ourselves to you, O God, and bring your heavenly kingdom here amongst us. May what we offer be a sign of our commitment to offer our finest for the sake of your mission. Use our gifts as first fruits of our entrance into your heavenly realm. Amen.

HYMN: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (529)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE