

August 16, 2020

L: The Lord be with you

P: And also with you

Welcome to Holiday Island Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship

L: You are at work in this place, O God, and you are at work in us.

**P: You call us to turn our minds and hearts to you,
to direct our wills to your will, our voices to your praise.**

L: Guide us in joy, that we may worship you not only with words,

P: but with our lives. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, as we gather here to worship you, open our minds to your truth, our souls to your beauty, and our hearts to your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

First Hymn "There is a Place of Quiet Rest" GTG # 824

CALL TO CONFESSION: From 1st John 1:8-10

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us; please join in the unison prayer of confession:

L: O God who will not let us go, we confess that we have been so wrapped up in ourselves that we have not loved You with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves.

P: By Your grace and through Your transforming love, open our hearts wide to You; forgive what we have been, help us change what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your holy Name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Friends, believe in the goods news of the gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

And as we are restored with our Lord and Savior, we can find that same restoration with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please pass the peace of Christ safely

Gloria

Scripture Readings:

Let us pray for illumination before we read from Scripture:

Lord your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths. Give us wisdom and insight to receive what you have prepared for us this morning. Amen

Hear the words of scripture from Psalm 23 – reading the old yet familiar KJV:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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

He restoreth my soul

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “A HAND IN THE DARK”

Prayer after sermon

Lord Jesus you are the Great Shepherd; the One who watches over us and walks with us when we have to face those dark rooms and shadowy valleys in this life; remind us that you are holding us in the midst of tribulations and trials and help us understand that the full power of heaven is dispatched at your command – that heavenly power to comfort us when our strength fails and give us inner peace even during the storms of life. Amen

Profession of Faith (A Declaration of Faith - 1991)

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” GTG # 39

CONCERNS & JOYS

Are there other concerns or joys you wish to share?

Let us bow our heads in prayer *Singing*

Pianist plays “Hear our prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord
Incline thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace”

Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, once again we come before your throne with many concerns on our hearts. What a joy it is to know you hear us and you care for us and you are the God who answers prayer. What would we do without you, Lord? And who would we go to for help in our times of need? We thank you as a congregation for your love revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We are thankful that you encourage us to make our desires known to you. And dear Father you already know the many needs we have and loads we are carrying. Please Lord, send your healing power to those that are sick; your comfort to those that are hurting; your restoring touch to those who may feel distant from You; Accept our prayers; our worship; our singing; our praise as we honor You Lord. Empower us to be agents of your grace and love to those in need. We give you thanks and praise forever in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us now recite together the Mission Statement we believe God has given us:

DOXOLOGY

Offertory Prayer

Heavenly Father, we dedicate all we are and all we have to you on this day as living sacrifices. Help us to show and share your love with others today. Amen.

THE 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

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And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each and every one of you ...