

**10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

OPENING PRAYER (from Psalm 145:10-18)

L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

P: and all your faithful shall bless you.

L: The Lord upholds all who are falling

P: and raises up all who are bowed down.

L: You open your hand,

P: satisfying the desire of every living thing.

L: The Lord is just and kind,

P: The Lord is near to all who call on God.

HYMN OF THE MONTH (SEE INSERT) “LET THE HEAVEN LIGHT SHINE ON ME”

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been called to love our God with all of our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods” — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity, and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel – God’s radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

“THE GLORY OF THE LORD”

When the glory of the Lord fills this holy temple, He will lift us high.

And on angels’ wings we’ll rise to the pure and holy, when His Spirit fills this place.

When His glory, when His glory, when His glory fills this place.

When His glory, when His glory, when His glory fills this place.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the Scripture we are about to hear will become the Word of God for us in this day and time of our lives. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

SCRIPTURE READING

EZRA 1:1-11

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia’s rule, to fulfill the Lord’s word spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Persia’s King Cyrus. The king issued a proclamation throughout his kingdom (it was also in writing) that stated: Persia’s King Cyrus says: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. He has commanded me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. If there are any of you who are from his people, may their God be with them! They may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem. And as for all those who remain in the various places where they are living, let the people of those places supply them with silver and gold, and with goods and livestock, together with spontaneous gifts for God’s house in Jerusalem. Then the heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites—everyone whose spirit God had stirred up—got ready to go up and build God’s house in Jerusalem. All their neighbors assisted them with silver equipment, with gold, with goods, livestock, and valuable gifts, in addition to all that was freely offered. King Cyrus brought out the equipment of the Lord’s house—those items that Nebuchadnezzar brought from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. Persia’s King Cyrus handed them over to Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. This was the count: thirty gold dishes, one thousand silver dishes, twenty-nine knives, thirty gold bowls, four hundred ten larger silver bowls, and one thousand other objects. The total of the gold and silver objects numbered five thousand four hundred. Sheshbazzar brought up all of these when the exiles went up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM:

SCRIPTURE READING

EZRA 3:1-13

When the seventh month came and the Israelites were in their towns, the people gathered together as one in Jerusalem. Then Jeshua, Jozadak’s son along with his fellow priests, and Zerubbabel, Shealtiel’s son along with his kin, started to rebuild the altar of Israel’s God so that they might offer entirely burned offerings upon it as prescribed in the Instruction from Moses the man of God. They set up the altar on its foundations, because they were afraid of the neighboring peoples, and they offered entirely burned offerings upon it to the Lord, both the morning and the evening offerings. They celebrated the Festival of Booths, as prescribed. Every day they presented the number of entirely burned offerings required by ordinance for that day. After this, they presented the continual burned offerings, the offerings at the new moons, and at all the sacred feasts of the Lord, and the offerings of everyone who brought a spontaneous gift to the Lord. From the first day of the seventh month, they began to present entirely burned offerings to the Lord. However, the foundation of the Lord’s temple had not yet been laid. So they gave money to the masons and carpenters; and food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedarwood by sea from Lebanon to Joppa, according to the authorization given them by Persia’s King Cyrus. In the second month of the second year after their arrival at God’s house in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel, Shealtiel’s son, and Jeshua, Jozadak’s son, and the rest of their kin—the priests and the Levites and all who had come from the captivity to Jerusalem—made a beginning. They appointed Levites 20 years old and above to oversee the work on the Lord’s house. Then Jeshua with his sons and his kin, Kadmiel and his sons, Binnui and his sons, the sons of Judah, along with the sons of Henadad, the Levites, and their sons and kin, collaborated to supervise the workers in God’s house. When the builders laid the foundation of the Lord’s temple, the priests clothed in their vests and carrying their trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, arose to praise the Lord according to the directions of Israel’s King David. They praised and gave thanks to the Lord, singing responsively, “He is good, his graciousness for Israel lasts forever.” All of the people shouted with praise to the Lord because the foundation of the Lord’s house had been laid. But many of the older priests and Levites and heads of families, who had seen the first house, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this house, although many others shouted loudly with joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people’s weeping, because the people rejoiced very loudly. The sound was heard at a great distance.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“LOUD AND JOYFUL”

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

HYMN GTG# 434

“RESTORE IN US, O GOD”

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return.

RESPOND IN GRACE

“CANTATE DOMINO”

Cantate Domino Canticum novum, Alleluia, alleluia.

Cantate Domino omnis terra, Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** DOXOLOGY**

“ALLELUIA!”

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, Christ gives us direction for renewing our discipleship. Your Word enables us to enter more deeply into the Christian life. You call us not just to refrain from violence but to restrain hurtful and unkind words. Indeed, you call us to ponder deep flourishing for all of your children and for your entire creation. Empower us to live by your way in the world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy One, help us to embody the peace that we pass to one another. By so doing, may we be your peace in the world. We know too well our divisions based in gender, race, sexuality and class, but help us bear witness to a different reality. Help us begin the process of healing and deliverance. Help us form new ways of being in mutuality, love and justice with and through one another. Empower us to live out of your love in all that we do, healing divisions, addressing enmity, reaching out to those we perceive as enemies. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all nations, we pray for all countries around the globe — for those who have been charged to exercise leadership on behalf of the common good. Help them to discern wise use of resources to address the needs of citizens suffering from wars and its grave economic strains. And move us all to attend to the cries of the marginal in our midst. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying, **“Our Father...”**

***LORD’S PRAYER**

HYMN GTG# 353

“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

Go forth into the world in peace. Knowing the God’s goodness and mercy follow us. Lift us the broken hearted. Stand with the oppressed. And let us do everything out of the love of God which we know in Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

AMEN

POSTLUDE



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where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and
children share in leadership; and where the strength
of our fellowship builds bridges to the community.”***

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024

In person hybrid worship is at 11AM

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

One tap mobile

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Drumming Program The drumming program will be off the month of August. Due to Labor Day weekend our drumming sessions for the month of September will be on Monday the 9th and 16th at 6PM.

Hybrid English Bible Study will be off for the summer and will return Thursday September 12th

Zoom Link bible study

By computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 376 838 854

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Spanish Bible Study will be off for the summer and will return on Wednesday September 11th

Coffee Hour following worship today.

Next Worship Team Meeting will be August 6th at 9:30AM

Next Session Meeting will be July 29th at 7PM?

Popcorn Series will be August 1, 15, & 22 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Jeniffer will be away August 8th – 12th and August 28th – September 2nd.

Lindsay will be away July 26th -August 9th.

Presbyterian Women 2024 Churchwide Gathering will be August 8-11, 2024 in St. Louis, Missouri. If you are interested in attending, please register at www.2024pwcwg.org

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Prayers and Praise

Please pray for our Nation

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Please pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Nancy Marin

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

Please pray for Warren's family

Please pray for Diana Behan and family.

Praise Songs and Hymns

LET THE HEAVEN LIGHT SHINE ON ME

Let the heav'n light shine on me, Let the heav'n light shine on me,
For low is the way to the upper bright world,
Let the heav'n light shine on me. Shine on me, Shine on me.
Let the light from heav'n shine on me. Amen, Amen.

RESTORE IN US, O GOD

Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)