

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 9, 2020

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GATHERING

Where responses are indicated, please respond quietly.

PRELUDE "Reverie" C. Debussy
Julianne Schenck--bassoon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

As we seek reconciliation with God and our neighbor,
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God of mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,
and against your good creation.**

**We have stored up treasures for ourselves
and turned away our neighbors in need.**

We have used our time foolishly and strayed from your path.

**Forgive us, that we may know true joy and freedom
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Through death on the cross, God has given us life and hope.
Know that in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from First Kings

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill;

and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”
(1 Kings 19:9-18)

Psalm 85:8-13 (Read Responsively)

- ⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
⁹**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
¹¹**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**
¹²The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³**Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

A Reading from Romans

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

(Romans 10:5-15)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
Chart and compass come from thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Read in Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day (*especially...*). Lord, in your mercy. **hear our prayer.**

For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Read in Unison)

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May Almighty God,

the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

My life flows in in endless song; above earth’s lamentation, I catch the sweet,
though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my in most calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in the love of God.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Fill His Courts with Praise”

E. Woert

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Altar Flowers are presented in loving memory of Herbert Steinert by his wife,
Mary, daughters, Christine Long and Nancy Sterner, grandsons, Kevin Long
and Eric Hosler, granddaughter, Nicole Sterner, and families.

Chancel Flowers are presented in honor of James P. Withers by Wayne and
Ruth Ann Withers.

Bulletins are presented in honor of Rebecca Miller’s birthday by Tom and
Gwen Wehr.

SERVING TODAY (8/9/20)

9:30 AM

LECTOR: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Karen Travor; GREETER: Doug Travor;

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst;

ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke & Madelyn Knecht

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (8/16/20)

9:30 AM

LECTOR: Tom Wehr; USHER: TBA; GREETER: Tina Butler;

COUNTERS: Joyce O’Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis;

ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger and Cindy Ritschel

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 9	9:30 AM	Worship
Monday, August 10	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 12	7:00 PM	Adult Forum (via ZOOM)
Saturday, August 15	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, August 16	9:30 AM	Worship

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC

On Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 11:30 AM, all members and visitors are invited to share in-person worship outdoors at the pavilion in Albright's Woods (weather permitting). Social distancing will be observed, and face masks are encouraged, but not required. However, some members may choose to wear a face mask. Please bring a comfortable lawn chair and enjoy our worship.

Following our worship service, we will hold our annual Church Picnic. The Evangelism Committee will host this event and free hot dogs for all who want to attend. Covered dish items and desserts to share are much appreciated.

Please call the church office at 570-366-2316 by Sunday, September 6, 2020, if you plan to attend our church picnic and/or if you would be willing to provide a covered dish to share.

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.”

In lieu of holding a community health fair, and in response to the repeating waves of COVID-19 infections, our congregation will assemble and distribute boxes of personal care items that will help our first responders: the EMS, the Fire Department, the Police, and the nursing home workers right here in Orwigsburg.

Donations of the following items are appreciated:

- Bottles of Gatorade or vitamin water
- Tea bags/Coffee (individually wrapped)
- Packages of chewing gum, granola bars, Belvita biscuits, Lifesavers, raisins, hard candy, or dark chocolate (individually wrapped)
- Small boxes of facial tissues
- Small tubes of hand cream or lotion
- Four (4) empty upright tissue boxes
- Notes of encouragement, inspiration, or humor (paper will be provided)
- Homemade baked goods which do not need refrigeration (no nuts)
- Decks of cards (for those who wait for calls)
- Small containers of body powder (no talcum)
- Kerchiefs
- Ear buds (they wear out quickly)
- Sport headbands (terry cloth) and Inexpensive visors
- Lavender sachets

Please bring one or more items noted above when you come to worship or drop them off in the narthex during regular office hours by Sunday, September 13, 2020. Help our first line responders as they continue to risk their lives for us and our whole community!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Our annual blessing of the backpacks and connect event will be held on August 23, 2020 at 9:30 AM. Bring your backpacks, technology, and school supplies to church for a blessing. While so much is still uncertain with what school will look like for the upcoming year, let us pray for and provide encouraging support for our students, parents, teachers, school staff, and administration.