



Christ
Presbyterian
Church

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, June 5, 2021

5:00pm

Sunday, June 6, 2021

11:00am

Welcome

We're glad you're with us today. In accordance with the new Montgomery County policy, masks and social distancing are not required for church services. Please feel free to continue to wear a mask or to worship without one.

Please note that Montgomery County recommends (but not requires) that masks be worn "indoors and outdoors, particularly when physical distancing cannot be maintained, for people 2 years and older who are not fully vaccinated." The Session encourages parents to make their own decisions as to whether to require their children to wear masks.

Reflection

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Kenneth Clark

Call to Worship – Psalm 100:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

All: Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him with joyful song; know that the LORD is God.

Leader: It is he who made us, and we are his;

All: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Leader: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

All: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

All: 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 and ever. Amen.

Let The Bones You Have Broken Rejoice Again

Let the bones you have broken rejoice again;
Renew my weary soul.
Come cast out all my sin, purge the guilt within;
Oh, make me white as snow!

Make my conscience responsive to Your truth
I must cling to You
Be my portion and strength as You cover me
Be my sweet refuge

Pre-Chorus

Open my lips; I will announce Your praise!
Open my lips; I will exalt Your Name!

Chorus

Only You are righteous God;
There is none like You.
Contrite hearts are Your delight;
The broken are renewed.
In Christ, the dead come alive.

It's Your mercy on all my iniquity
That buffets every storm.
Come restore all the joy of salvation;
Remind me when I'm worn.

(Pre-Chorus)

(Chorus) 2X

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Praise to The Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been,
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Praise to the Lord, Who doth Prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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Confessional Reading – Psalm 51:1-3

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Confession of Sin

Leader: God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful in our relationship with you and with one another.

All: We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people.

Leader: We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

All: Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our relationship with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement — 1 John 2:1-2

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Refrain:

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him. (*Refrain*)

On The bloody Cross behold him.
Hear him cry before he dies,
"It is finished," "It is finished!"
Sinner, will this not suffice?

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.

Refrain:

Not the righteous, not the righteous,
Sinners Jesus came to call;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
You will never come at all.

Saints and angels join'd in concert,
Sing the praises of the Lamb,
While the blissful seats of heaven,
Sweetly echo with his name.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Sound the praise of Jesus' name;
Glory, honor and salvation,
Christ the Lord is come to reign.

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Congregational Prayer

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Children's Recessional

Sermon: Resisting the Holy Spirit

Scripture Reading – Acts 7:51-53

⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

Outline:

1. What does it mean to resist the Holy Spirit?
2. How do we respond to the Spirit?
3. Why would we choose this path?

Figure A.

2 Chronicles 30:8 Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the LORD.

Figure B.

Deuteronomy 10:16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

Figure C.

Luke 13:34 [Jesus lamented,]"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"

Figure D.

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Lord Kenneth Clark, cited in *Making Sense of God* by Tim Keller, p. 18-19

Figure E.

Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. (NIV)

Romans 8:14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Figure F.

As our 'leader' the Holy Spirit takes the initiative. He asserts his desires against those of the flesh and forms holy and heavenly desires within us. He puts this gentle pressure upon us, and we must yield to his direction and control.

John Stott, *The Message of Galatians*, p. 120

Figure G.

The Spirit actively brings to expression in our actions what he prompts us in our hearts and minds to do. Elsewhere, Paul writes, "For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure" (Phi. 2:13; cf. Col. 1:29). The Spirit is the agent of that willing and working. Our job is to act in line with his prompting.

John Harvey, *Anointed with the Spirit and Power*, p. 147

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Christ Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. Baptized children are welcome to receive Communion after they profess faith and are received as communicant members. If you are not able to receive Communion, please speak with Pastor Matt after the service to learn how to receive Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul;
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least;
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

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Benediction – Ephesians 3

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to His power at work within us, to Him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Property Committee

After viewing the results of the congregational survey, the Session would like to form a new committee to research opportunities to lease worship or ministry space from a church. If you might be interested in serving on this committee, please contact Deacon Jordan Weaver (jscottweav@gmail.com) or your Shepherding Elder.

Q & A about the Holy Spirit

The sermon series on the Holy Spirit will conclude on June 12. After the service, there will be a brief time for questions.

The Beautiful Community Discussion Groups

There are two groups meeting to discuss the book *The Beautiful Community*.

One group meets on Fridays at 8:30pm via Zoom. The sessions are scheduled for June 11, 25, and July 9. Please contact Danny Hurtado if you have any questions.

The other group meets every week on Sundays at 8:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Matt Pickens or Ayayi Hillah if you have any questions.

Youth Group Jet Ski Event

A 15-passanger van has been reserved. Each student can bring a friend. Permission forms are due by Saturday, June 26.

Upcoming Dates

July 3 (Saturday), 10am-noon, Berry Picking for the Food Pantry at Homestead Farm in Poolesville

Contact Us

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