

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS  
The Presbyterian Church of West Salem  
September 27, 2020      17th Sunday of Pentecost      10:15AM

**PRELUDE  
WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 25:1-9**

**LEADER:** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my trust in you;

**PEOPLE:** **let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**LEADER:** Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame, who are treacherous.

**PEOPLE:** **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

**LEADER:** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**PEOPLE:** **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

**LEADER:** Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**PEOPLE:** **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

**LEADER:** You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. Merciful God, you continually show us your ways of forgiveness and steadfast love. Remember not our sins, but recall your compassion to your children, satisfy the longing of your people, and fulfill all our hopes for eternal peace through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**\*HYMN      #326      “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”      Blue Presbyterian Hymnal**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin...

**Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy, clinging to power and privilege whenever we can. Set us free from greed and fear. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Teach us to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.**

*(Silent Confession)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**LEADER:** If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**PEOPLE:** **Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners with the peace of Christ.

*(There will be a one-minute pause. Please turn to your householders and say or text a friend...*

*"The peace of the Lord be with you".    And also, with you.*

**SCRIPTURE READING      Acts 2:37-47**

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand

persons were added. <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## **SERMON**

Rev. Chaz Ruark

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm our faith...

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen. Phil 2:5-11**

### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, GIFTS**

**LEADER:** As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God. —Ephesians 5:1-2

### **OFFERTORY**

Virtual Choir of International Peacemakers

For the Peace and Global Witness Offering September 6th-October 4th

Presbyterian Mission Agency

**DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray.

**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. Amen.**

### **HYMN**

**#148**

***"At the Name of Jesus"***

Blue Presbyterian Hymnal

### **BENEDICTION**

**LEADER:** Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **\*SONG OF SENDING**

**#527 *"I Know Whom I Have Believed"* (CH)**

I know not when my Lord may come, At night or noonday fair;  
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him Or "meet Him in the air."

**REFRAIN:**

*But "I know Whom I have believed And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed Unto Him against that day."*

LEADER: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In-person Worship Service will begin next Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**MORNING PRAYER via Zoom. (Monday-Thursday 7:00-7:25 AM)**

Morning prayer offers a way of joining into Christ's ceaseless intercession for the Church and the world. There are three printed parts of the daily liturgy that I will share on the Zoom screen --psalms, reading of lectionary scriptures of the week, and prayer. It is usually about 25 minutes. The zoom room will be open at 6:55AM. You are welcome to join anytime.

**Tithes & Offerings can be mailed to: PO BOX 861, West Salem, WI 54669** (Use PO Box NOT Street address)

**PER CAPITA 2020** - For 2020 the per capita is \$33.70. When submitting, please write in "per capita" on the memo part of your check or on the outside of your envelope. *Thank you!*

**We are in need of one adult to join the Wednesday evening Confirmation team.** If you are interested please contact Pastor Linda at 651-368-0085 or the church office at 786-0910. *Thank you!*

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students –**

Regular confirmation will start Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6 PM at the Presbytery Church of West Salem.

Spirit of God, Descend  
Upon My Heart

George Croly, 1854

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;  
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and  
mind?  
I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
3. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.



Caroline Maria Noel, 1890; alt. 1931

1. At the name of Jesus  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him  
King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.
2. Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners,  
Unto whom He came,  
Faithfully He bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious,  
When from death He passed;
3. Bore it up triumphant,  
With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures,  
To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest.
4. Christians, this Lord Jesus  
Shall return again,  
With His Father's glory  
O'er the earth to reign;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him  
King of glory now.