

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS

The Presbyterian Church of West Salem

October 11, 2020

19th Sunday of Pentecost & Communion

10:15AM

Due to the corona virus pandemic, a number of changes will be made to keep everyone safe. They are as follows:

- Everyone is to enter the church through the outside sanctuary doors
- Seating will be in every other row of chairs
- Keep 3 empty chairs between families
- Everyone needs to wear a mask
- Offerings to be dropped off in offering plates when leaving church
- No coffee before church
- No nursery
- There will be no singing but hymns will be played on the piano or a video will be shown
- No greeting of friends at the start of worship
- Children should remain in their seats during Moment with Children
- Each family should sign a bulletin and leave on the table in the back of the sanctuary when leaving church
- At the conclusion of worship, we ask that the back row of members file out in an orderly manner without talking to each other. After the back row has left the church, the next row should do the same and the church would be emptied by slowly moving forward one row at a time
- All after Worship conversation should take place in the parking lot

PRELUDE WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

LEADER: Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

PEOPLE: **Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD or proclaim in full God's praise?**

LEADER: Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right.

PEOPLE: **Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, and visit me with your salvation;**

LEADER: that I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, that I may glory with your inheritance.

PEOPLE: **We have sinned as our forebears did; we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

LEADER: They made a bull-calf at Horeb and worshiped a molten image;

PEOPLE: **thus they exchanged their glory for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

LEADER: They forgot God their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,

PEOPLE: **wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

LEADER: So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your chosen stood in the breach, to turn away your wrath from consuming them.

PEOPLE: **Merciful God, remembering your covenant, you graciously pardoned those who rebelled against you. Grant that, where sin abounds, grace may abound more; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

HYMN *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

Video only

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

ALL: Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful.

In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. (*Silent Confession*)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ, through whom our sins were forgiven. May he help us to continue to "preach peace to those who are near and far."

PEOPLE: Amen. (Phil. 3:9; Eph. 2:17)

***GLORIA PATRI**

Piano only

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*please remain where you are seated*)

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.**

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN (*children please remain where you are seated*)

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32:1-14

Listen for the word of the Lord... When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold,^[a] and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Here ends our reading. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Apostle's Creed

Let us affirm our faith... I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, GIFTS

(Please leave offering at the back of the church when you exit)

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being. In the company of the upright, let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we have received.

OFFERTORY

Piano only

DOXOLOGY

Piano only

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves, all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

Breaking of the Break

Sharing of the Cup

Prayer

***HYMN** *"We Come as Guests Invited"*

Video only

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF SENDING** (read in unison)

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

Across the world, across the street, The victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat, And never live until they die.

PASTOR: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

***THE POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PW Bible Study – Meets Wednesday at 1:00 PM on October 14th & 21st in the room between the offices. We will study the 9th commandment and then “Into The Light”, finding hope through prayers of lament. Along with a time of prayer and fellowship, we will share some thought provoking life experiences. We will practice social distancing, please wear a mask. Please join us.

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

You are welcome to join anytime. Contact the office or Pastor Linda for the link.

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

Don't forget - Pledge cards for 2021 Contributions due October 11th.

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!*

NEW INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (COVID-19 precautions)

WHEN: Sundays, 9:15-10AM, October 11 (we will start & end on time)

WHAT: The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

WHO: Post confirmation students and adults are welcome

WHERE: The conference room next to the pastor's office

WHY: Learning the cosmic redemptive work of God in Christ and practical Christian living

HOW: You will learn the method to study the Bible inductively

It is not a lecture but working through a handout and student questions

Bring your own Bible, colored pencils for marking it, and if you are able to get the app called Bible Hub for your study tools on your ipad/tablet or smart phone you will have some of the tools right at your fingertips.