

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS
The Presbyterian Church of West Salem
October 18, 2020 20th Sunday of Pentecost 10:15 AM

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 99

LEADER: The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

PEOPLE: **The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

LEADER: Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

PEOPLE: **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

LEADER: Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

PEOPLE: **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD; they called upon you, and you answered them,**

LEADER: you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

PEOPLE: **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds. Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

LEADER: Holy God, you are exalted over all the nations and just in all your ways. Strengthen us to worship you with our deeds and to proclaim your greatness with our lips, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

HYMN "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

LEADER: Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

ALL: **God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life.**

We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *(Silent Confession)*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

***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 33:12-23

Listen for the word of the Lord...

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.' ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹ And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen." Here ends our reading. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger, and returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, GIFTS

Leader: What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will give what I have promised in the presence of all God's people.

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

*HYMN *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

*BENEDICTION

*SONG OF SENDING (read in unison)

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

Then let the servant church arise, A caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, And clothed in Christ's humanity.

PASTOR: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

***THE POSTLUDE**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICING – October 11th & 18th, November 8th & 15th, December 6th & 13th from 9:00-10:00 AM.

All Saints' Sunday: We will be remembering loved ones on Sunday, November 1st who have died since All Saints' Day last year. Please contact the office if you have someone (members or non-members) to add to our list of those to be remembered.

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

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.

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 Pledge cards were due October 11th but they will still be accepted if you need to drop them off or mail them in.

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!*

The next **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be Monday, November 2nd from 12:30-5:30 PM. Call the church office for appointment information at 786-0910.

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Ambrose of Milan, c. 374

Trans. composite, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

1. O splendor of God's glory bright,
From light eternal bringing light;
Thou light of life, light's living spring,
True day, all days illumining:
2. Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,
Shower down Thy radiance from above,
And to our inward hearts convey
The Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.
3. O joyful be the passing day
With thoughts as clear as morning's ray,
With faith like noontide shining bright,
Our souls unshadowed by the night.
4. O Lord, with each returning morn
Thine image to our hearts is born;
O may we ever clearly see
Our Savior and our God in Thee!

Now Thank We All Our God 555

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985.

1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son
And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God,
Whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is,
And shall be evermore.