

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS**  
**The Presbyterian Church of West Salem**  
**October 25, 2020      21st 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**

LEADER:      Eternal Light,  
PEOPLE:      **shine into our hearts;**  
LEADER:      eternal Goodness,  
PEOPLE:      **deliver us from evil;**  
LEADER:      eternal Power,  
PEOPLE:      **be our support;**  
LEADER:      eternal Wisdom,  
PEOPLE:      **scatter the darkness of our ignorance;**  
LEADER:      eternal Love,  
PEOPLE:      **have mercy upon us,**  
LEADER:      that with all our heart and mind and strength  
PEOPLE:      **we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN**                      *"Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven"*                      Video only

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

LEADER: When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

## **\*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** Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Listen for the word of the Lord...

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." <sup>5</sup>Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. <sup>6</sup>He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. <sup>8</sup>The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

<sup>9</sup>Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>10</sup>Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. <sup>11</sup>He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel. Here ends our reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION SERMON**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God— eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

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

Leader: Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money. So that our treasure is in heaven and our giving pleases God.

## **OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY**

Piano

Piano only

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you— ourselves, our time, and our possessions— that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S 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            "Amazing Grace"**

Video only

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**"The Church of Christ in Every Age"**

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the fever in our blood,  
And teach us how to share our bread And feed the starving multitude.

**PASTOR:        Go in Peace. Serve the Lord**

**PEOPLE:       Thanks be to God!**

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICING** – October 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 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. The link stays the same - contact us if you want to join.

**INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (COVID-19 precautions)**

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

**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, 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.

**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!*

**Tithes & Offerings can be mailed to: PO BOX 861, West Salem, WI 54669** (Use PO Box NOT Street address)  
Pledge cards for 2021 Contributions can still be given to the church. Please return asap.

**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!*

Praise, My Soul,  
the King of Heaven

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt.

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.
3. Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet His mercy flows.
4. Angels, help us to adore Him:  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Amazing Grace,  
How Sweet the Sound

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Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1779

Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.