

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS**  
**The Presbyterian Church of West Salem**  
**October 4, 2020      18th Sunday of Pentecost      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 19:7-14**

**LEADER:** The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**PEOPLE:** **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

**LEADER:** The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**PEOPLE:** **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

**LEADER:** By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**PEOPLE:** **Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

**LEADER:** Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**PEOPLE:** **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**LEADER:** Faithful God, open our eyes to see your gracious hand in all your works, that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him through whom all things were made, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**\*HYMN      "Be Thou My Vision"**

Video only

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin...

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. (*Silent Confession*)**

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**LEADER:** Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks; In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## \*GLORIA PATRI

Piano only

## 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.*

## A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening...

Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

<sup>7</sup> You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

<sup>12</sup> Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

<sup>18</sup> When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid<sup>[d]</sup> and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup> and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." <sup>20</sup> Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin." These words are trustworthy and true. **Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith... This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, GIFTS**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, all that is in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY**

Piano only

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

Video only

**BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF SENDING "The Church of Christ in Every Age"**

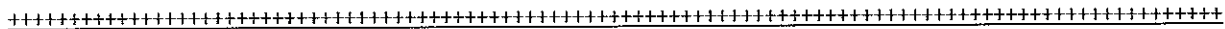
**\*\*Please read in unison\*\***

The church of Christ in every age, Beset by change but Spirit led,  
Must claim and test its heritage And keep on rising from the dead.

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God!

**\*THE POSTLUDE**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.