**THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS**

**The Presbyterian Church of West Salem**

**August 1, 2021 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:15AM**

**Updated protocols for Covid-19.**

Session has considered the May 13 guidance from the CDC on the wearing of masks by vaccinated individuals. The CDC does leave it up local jurisdictions, businesses, and venues to set their own rules for Covid protections.

The following guidelines will be followed to ensure a safe experience for In-person Worship:

* For the safety of those who can’t be vaccinated – children and extremely vulnerable individuals- masks are required for people that are not vaccinated. For those individuals who are vaccinated, masks are optional.
* Seating has returned to normal (pre-Covid) capacity.
* There will be live song leaders and special music. Worshipers are welcome to sing along.
* For the children’s message, kids are invited to come up front. There will be marks on the floor for them to sit on to maintain social distance.
* Offerings will again be collected by the ushers.
* **There will be no nursery provided**
* There will be fellowship time Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 A.M.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

LEADER: Come, open your hearts to the Lord!

**PEOPLE: We are grateful to be here, remembering all that Christ has done for us.**

LEADER: Friends and family – all are welcome in the house of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Those who are new to our church, those who seek, those who feel lost and alone.**

LEADER: Christ meets us here; he breaks the bread of salvation for us.

**PEOPLE: He embraces us with his transforming and forgiving love.**

LEADER: Dear friends, let us rejoice in God’s love.

**PEOPLE: We are called to receive that love and reach out in compassion to others..**

**God of the lost and lonely, God of the secure and confident, gather us into your fold that we may be healed and transformed. Guide us in your world that we may be part of ministries of healing and hope, for we ask these things in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.**

**\* THE HYMN #151 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS** *(Blue Hymnal)*

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

LEADER: I believe; help my unbelief! Let us pause now to examine our hearts and confess our sins to God...

**PEOPLE: Merciful God, we get so caught up in our own lives and needs that we fail to see others for whom we might provide some help and relief. You challenge us to feed those who are hungry and to quench the thirst of those who are parched. You ask us to bring clothing to those who have none or for whom the clothing is inadequate for the weather; to visit people who are sick, alone, alienated, who are imprisoned either in cells with bars or in conditions of hopelessness and poverty that they see no way out; to welcome the stranger and reach out to those who are marginalized; to always bring your words of healing and redeeming love. We have failed in these tasks – we ignore the opportunities and claim that we are too busy to help, too busy to care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us and heal our wounds of greed and selfishness. AMEN.**. *(Silent Confession)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us, we are forgiven, healed and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God’s world. Rejoice! You are chosen and loved! **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.

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

**SCRIPTURE READING, PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION, SERMON – video Rev. Chaz Ruark**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(Colossians 1:15-20)*

LEADER: Let us affirm our faith...

**PEOPLE: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, GIFTS**

As we have entered this church with thanksgiving on our hearts, let us remember that we have the opportunity to joyfully share from the bounty which God has provided. In the love and name of Christ, let us receive our morning offering.

**OFFERTORY Special Music – “The Least of These” Matt Maher**

**\*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**

**Good Shepherd, who leads and guides us through all the trials and tribulations of our lives, we bring these gifts to celebrate the ministries of justice and hope in which our church is involved. Be with us and cause us to grow in our faith and our service. AMEN**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 #426 LORD SPEAK TO ME** *(Blue Hymnal)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Hear the cries of those in need! Go into God’s world, enabled by Christ to be in ministries of compassion for all God’s people. Love this world as God has loved you. Care tenderly always for all of creation. Go and faithfully serve in the name of Jesus. **AMEN.**

**\*SONG OF SENDING GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN**

 God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

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

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God!

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

***THESE PERSONS HAVE ASSISTED IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP:***

***MUSICIANS:*** *Greg Meeuwsen*

***LITURGIST:*** *Barbara Hopkins*

***SOUND ROOM:*** *Dane Bohnsack*

***USHER:*** *Shawn McAlister*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We have returned to In-Person Worship**. Live Stream Worship will continue.

**Summer Sunday School**Please join us for VBS content; current 4K - 8th grade  
Rocky Railway - Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through!  
Sunday, August 8th, Thursday and Friday, August 5th and 6th from 5:30-7:45 with dinner!

**Fellowship Time:** Sunday morning from 9:30 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. Coffee and juice will be served.

**Per Capita** is an obligation for each member of the Presbyterian Church.   
The Per Capita is $33.70 for 2021.

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

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