

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS

The Presbyterian Church of West Salem

July 11, 2021

7th 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.
- Each family should sign a bulletin and leave on the table in the back of the sanctuary.
- **There will be no nursery provided, there will be limited fellowship time before service.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 24

LEADER: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

PEOPLE: **for the LORD has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in God's holy place?

PEOPLE: **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

LEADER: They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

PEOPLE: **Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah***

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

PEOPLE: **Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.**

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

PEOPLE: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. *Selah***

LEADER: God of all creation, open our hearts that Christ, the King of glory, may enter and rule our lives. Give us clean hands and pure hearts, that we may stand in your presence and receive your blessing through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*** THE HYMN**

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Lift up the Gates Eternal

Blue Presbyterian Hymnal

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Let us confess our sins to God, confident in God's promises to forgive us, heal us and transform us.

PEOPLE: **God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt what makes us comfortable, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation.** (*Silent Confession*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed to try again.

*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.**

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Hear now the word of God for you this day...

6 David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. **2** David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. **3** They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart **4** with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. **5** David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

12 It was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So, David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; **13** and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. **14** David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. **15** So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. **17** They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. **18** When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, **19** and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, GIFTS

LEADER: Whether we have much or whether we have little, God asks us to offer what we have for God's purposes, including our tithes, our gifts, our skills and our passions. Let us offer to God what we can, confident that God will take our small offerings, and multiply them to abundance for the good of our congregation and our community.

OFFERTORY

***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**

God of all provision, take these gifts, and use them for your glory and for the good of our world. In Jesus' name we pray, 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 #302 I Danced in the Morning Blue Presbyterian Hymnal**

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF SENDING Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing (vs 2)**

Hither-to Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast brought me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.

PASTOR: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

***THE POSTLUDE**

THESE PERSONS HAVE ASSISTED IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP:

MUSICIANS: Julie Baker, Greg Meeuwsen
LITURGIST: Barbara Hopkins
SOUND ROOM: Ethan Crusan
USHER: Nick Miller

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!

Sundays 10-11:15 July 11th, August 8th

Also, 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.

Mark your calendar: Outdoor worship and ice cream social July 25

PW Human Rights Celebration will be on July 12 from 4:30-6 pm at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 701 Wells St., Onalaska. A light lunch will be served. Please give your reservation to Becky at 608-799-6297.

Join Pastor Linda for a time of morning prayer. Monday through Thursday 7am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4946520124>

Pastor's Summer Bible Study: Marriage Without Regrets

This is an inductive study where we look at God's Word and see what is said about the institution. We will explore what it says about the roles of men and women, their God-given responsibilities, and their differences. (*It is not what you might imagine or what culture teaches*).

Wednesday: 7:00-8:30PM (Via Zoom only link on church website)

Schedule: July 7, 14, 21; August 11, 18, 25

You are welcome to come when able. No homework but there will be handouts for your use printed and available on Sundays. FYI--We may complete just 2 questions as we pursue answers. There are no restrictions on age or marital status.

Questions? contact Pastor Linda

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

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