

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS
The Presbyterian Church of West Salem
July 18, 2021 8th 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 - Psalm 89:20-37

LEADER: I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him; my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

PEOPLE: **The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.**

LEADER: I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

PEOPLE: **My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.**

LEADER: I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

PEOPLE: **He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'**

LEADER: I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

PEOPLE: **Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.**

LEADER: I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.

PEOPLE: **If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances,**

LEADER: if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,

PEOPLE: **then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;**

LEADER: but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.

PEOPLE: **I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.**

LEADER: Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.

PEOPLE: **His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.**

LEADER: It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies." *Selah* Mighty God, in fulfillment of the promise made to David you established a lasting covenant through Jesus, your beloved Son. You anointed him and raised him higher than all kings on earth. Remember your covenant, so that all who are marked with the cross of your Son may sing of your mercies forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*** THE HYMN**

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Come, Thou Almighty King

Blue Presbyterian Hymnal

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Our old selves were crucified with him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PEOPLE: **Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.** *(Silent Confession)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; not it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **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.**

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

The words of scripture, inspired by God...

7 Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." 3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." 4 But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus, says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. 7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" 8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

These words are trustworthy and true. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LEADER: In the 2nd century, the church sought to define their faith in the one God of Jacob and of Jesus, and so we proclaim in the Apostles' Creed:

PEOPLE: “I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord.”

LEADER: In the 4th century, the church was faced with a rift over the unity of the Trinity, and so we unite our voices and our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

PEOPLE: “We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.”

LEADER: In the heart of the 16th century reformation, the church needed to remind itself of what mattered most, and so we answer the first question of the Heidelberg Catechism: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

PEOPLE: “That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.”

LEADER: In 1934, faced with the racist and anti-Semitic policies of Hitler’s Germany, faithful German Christians resisted and responded, and so we have the words of the Barmen Declaration:

PEOPLE: “We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.”

LEADER: In the 1980s, the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa saw generations of apartheid and oppression stifling the lives of black people, and so they penned the words of the Belhar Confession:

PEOPLE: “We reject any doctrine which in such a situation sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.”

LEADER: Throughout Christian history, Christians have responded to the challenges of their faith in the world with creedal statements. Today, we recognize that tradition as we affirm our faith with the words of those who have struggled with their faith in the past. In 2021, the church faces as many obstacles as any generation before, and so we proclaim our commitments this day:

PEOPLE: **We are called to be a witness to the ongoing work of the Spirit: to stand against racism, injustice, and oppression in all forms; to love the strangers, to welcome the outsiders, and to work for the reign of Christ among us. Hallelujah! Amen!**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, GIFTS

LEADER: Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.

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**

PEOPLE: **We offer all of this grateful for your covenant — that, in all things, you are working your purposes out within our sight and well beyond. 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 #422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending Blue Presbyterian Hymnal**

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF SENDING**

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing (vs 3)

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee!
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart--O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above!

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: Logan/Lily Oldenburg

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!

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.

Summer Rummage Sale: Friday July 23rd 7Am to 7pm and Saturday July 24th 7:30 AM to 3PM

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

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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