

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHERED TO WORSHIP AS
The Presbyterian Church of West Salem
September 5th, 2021 15th 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:

- ***Due to the rise in Covid cases, masks are required for all worshipers -regardless of vaccination status.***
- 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**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: People of God, Prepare now the Table!

PEOPLE: **We ready to gather around the Table of God!**

LEADER: People of God, Prepare now the Bread!

PEOPLE: **We share the LORD's blessings as we take of God's Body.**

LEADER: People of God, Prepare now the Cup!

PEOPLE: **We share the LORD's passion as we drink of God's Blood.**

LEADER: So let us worship the God who has gathered and fed us!

PEOPLE: **Yes! Let us Worship the LORD!**

* **THE HYMN** #469 *Morning has Broken* *Blue Hymnal*

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

PEOPLE: **Gracious God, we come before you as sinners. We have not done all that you would have us do, and there is much we have left undone. We do not always remember to honor you with all of our hearts, minds, and strength, and we do not always love our neighbors as ourselves. We place our trust in earthly things, rather than trusting in you. Lord, we believe, help our unbelief, and listen as we offer up our prayers before you.**

(Moment of Silent Confession.)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***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 *(Please remain in your seats)*

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 Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON - Who Do We Worship?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Apostles Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, GIFTS

The Salvation of Jesus Christ is not for sale. When we give, we do not do so to earn our salvation, as that has already been freely given. Instead, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all that has been given to us. So let us worship the LORD with our giving.

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**

Gracious God, accept now the gifts of your people. Bless them so that they may grow and go forth, doing your work in your world. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Lift up your Hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the LORD!**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God!

PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

LEADER: Most holy and gracious God, we praise you who has gathered us around this table... and who forever sing to the glory of your name;

PEOPLE: **Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of Power and Might, Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD, Hosanna in the highest!**

LEADER: Forgiving God, we call upon you in our times of fear and doubt... for great is the mystery of the faith:

PEOPLE: **Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!**

LEADER: And while we wait on that day when we will share this meal in heaven with you, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

PEOPLE: **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.**

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

*HYMN #514 *Let us Talents and Tongues Employ* *Blue Hymnal*

*BENEDICTION

*SONG OF SENDING #538 *Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessing* *Blue Hymnal*

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

PASTOR: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

*THE POSTLUDE

THESE PERSONS HAVE ASSISTED IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP:

MUSICIANS: Sara Oldenburg, Lisa Jones
LITURGIST: Nick Miller
SOUND ROOM: Dane Bohnsack
USHER: Howard Garves
COMMUNION SERVERS: Charles Engel, Mike Siekert, Janice Seeger, Nick Miller, Kristjan Sells, Mary Tschida

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Brat and Pork Chop Sandwich Sale: Saturday, September 11th beginning at 10am at Hansen's IGA

Fall Rummage Sale: September 17th from 7 AM to 7 PM and on September 18th from 7:30 AM to 3 PM.

This sale will include lots of Fall and Winter items. We have:

- Coats & sweaters
- Boots
- Winter hats & mittens
- Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas items
- Hunting clothes
- Multiple heaters

We will have lots of regular rummage as well.

Please plan on helping set up starting the week of September 5th. Please call Diana Engel at 608-386-0860 or Jean Pearson at 608-786-3344 to set up a time to work. We will also need lots of help on September 18th after 3 PM to clean up after the sale.

We will be accepting clean, usable items for the sale starting on September 13th.

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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