

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM

July 3, 2022
4th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE
WELCOME
PRAYER REQUESTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the God of Abraham!

People: Let all People Praise the Lord!

Leader: Praise the God of Miriam!

People: Let all People Praise the Lord!

Leader: Praise you people, praise all together!

All: Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN #368 Presbyterian Hymnal
I've Got Peace Like a River

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Precious Lord, we come before you as sinners one and all. We have failed to be the joy you would have in the world, we have failed to carry out your love to others. There is so much to do that we haven't done, and so much we shouldn't do that we have. We strive to prove ourselves with difficult tasks, rather than accept the easy things you would have us do. Forgive us, we pray, and hear as we lift up our silent confessions 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.

"May the Peace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you!". **And also, with you.**

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN - The Spirit

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:1-14

1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. 2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." 4 So Naaman[a] went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. 5 And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. 6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." 7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." 8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! 12 Are not Abana[b] and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON - What if it was Easy?

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

Everything we have, we received from God. When we give back to God, it is not to earn our way or to repay a debt, as what we have was given. Instead, we give in imitation of the Lord, to be generous as God is generous, and so to worship the LORD with our giving. So, people of God, let us bring our gifts before the LORD in worship.

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, our gifts are small next to all that you have given us. Take our gifts, LORD, and make them holy, so that they may help to feed the hungry, grow the church, and share your Light with a world lost in Darkness. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's prayer (Debts/Debtors)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your Hearts.

We lift them up to the LORD!

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

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;

**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!**

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

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

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...

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

CLOSING HYMN #514 Presbyterian Hymnal
Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING #304 Presbyterian Hymnal
Jesus Loves Me

PASTOR: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

THE POSTLUDE

OVER

Nursery Services open and fully staffed.

**Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall!
9:30-10:00am - coffee and cookies**

Youth Group!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited

Wednesdays, July 6th and 20th

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.!

Find us in the Fellowship Hall
fun games, great fellowship,
and the peace that the word of God brings!

Tabitha Circle

Bring your crafts and join us!

The first and third Monday each month at 1:00 p.m.

July 3, 2022 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Helen Harold
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Sound Room	Dane Bohnsack
Usher	Nick Miller

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Masks are not required to be worn in the building for any activity, regardless of vaccination status, except in these cases:

- If you have recovered from COVID-19 within the past six days
- If you have had a close COVID-19 contact within the past six days
- If you currently have symptoms, please stay home

Anyone is welcome to wear a mask for any reason.

- Please observe social distancing if possible, especially for those wearing masks.

Session is following CDC guidance on masking. The CDC assesses the La Crosse County COVID-19 transmission as "Low". Session continues to monitor this status and may require masks again if transmission rates increase.