

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

August 14, 2022
10th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

The Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in this place to Worship Christ together!

People: We come from different places, we hail from different backgrounds.

Leader: We are divided, we are diverse, we are different.

People: But all are called to the same place, by the same Christ.

Leader: Praise you people, praise all together!

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

Praise the LORD, God's Glories Show

#481 Presbyterian Hymnal

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 ignore the division among us, preferring to pretend that we are united. 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.

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...

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.**

Receiving the elements

Closing Hymn Here I Am, LORD
#525 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending Shalom, Chaverim
#537 Presbyterian Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

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 the Children – Seeing the Argument

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law. ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - *Seeing the Divide*

Pastor Dan McCurdy

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, and 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;