

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

August 28, 2022

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers Of The People and 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.

Closing Hymn *Precious LORD, Take my Hand*

#404 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

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

The Call to Worship

LEADER: The LORD calls us to service in our world!

PEOPLE: Praise be to God!

LEADER: We should serve with our hands,

PEOPLE: And we should serve with our minds!

LEADER: We are not called to leave our cleverness behind,

PEOPLE: but to serve our LORD with body, heart, and mind!

LEADER: So let us worship the God who teaches us!

PEOPLE: Let us worship the LORD!

Opening Hymn *What a Friend we have in Jesus*

#403 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 fail to think about our service, and so fail to do what is actually best in favor of what "feels holy." Forgive us, we pray, and hear us as we lift up our silent confessions before you.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God loves us and saves us! Our sins are forgiven! Alleluia!

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 the Children – Clever!

Special Music – How Great Thou Art – Dan Wolbrink

Scripture Reading

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - **But be Smart About It**

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.