

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 19, 2022

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Hymn Sing

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

God calls us to service,

rather than honor.

God calls us to embrace the unknown,

rather than hold onto the familiar.

We come to this time of worship,

trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Let us worship God together!

◆ Hymn 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to share all that we have

and work together for the common good,

but we store up treasures for ourselves.

You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed,

but we live in fear of our neighbors.

You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection,

but we keep silent about your redeeming love.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Set us free from sin, death, and fear so that we may serve you with joy.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

GTG 437

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hear the good news: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

HS 22

**All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth from heaven,
And God's good will unfailingly
Be to all people given.
We bless, we worship You, we raise
For Your great glory thanks and praise,
O God, the great Creator.**

◆ Passing of the Peace

*As God's forgiven people, we can bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world.
The peace of Christ be with you.*

And also with you.

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:6-9a

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

Mission: Possible!

Fred Holbrook

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Sarasota Statement*

**We are people of hope who confess Jesus Christ is Lord over a Kingdom
in which no one is hungry, violence is no more, and all suffering is gone.
All sit together around a shared table, wolves and lambs enjoy each other's company,
and every tear is wiped away from every eye.**

Our hope is not simply that we will experience this Kingdom, which is truly kin-dom, in the future, but that, as Christ's prayer demands, this Kingdom comes "to earth as it is in heaven."

Our commitment is to acts that feed, clothe, instruct, reconcile, admonish, heal, and comfort — reflecting the power of God's hope and an eagerness to see the Kingdom made manifest.

We believe God's Kingdom comes not because we are confident in our own capacities, but because we trust in God, who can do more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.

◆ Hymn 320 **The Church of Christ in Every Age** WAREHAM

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer Glory to God hymnal, pg. 35

Offertory *For the Troubles and the Sufferings* Rodolfo Gaede Neto
text may be found at no. 764 in the Glory to God hymnal
Megan Sharp, soprano

◆ Presentation of the Offering GTG 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving
**We give you thanks and praise, O Lord. You have claimed us as your beloved people.
You have called us to be a blessing for others.
Use the gifts of your good creation and the works of our hands to lift up the oppressed,
break down dividing walls, and build up your church;
all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

◆ Hymn 766 **The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound** MC KEE

◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare* William Mathias

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are in celebration of Wendy and Jim Craig's 50th wedding anniversary.

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Saturday, June 18 - June 23

J2A pilgrimage to Mt. Angel, Oregon

Sunday, June 19

9:40 a.m. Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary

10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Screening of *Raised/Razed* in the Library,
with a discussion about racial equity in housing

6 p.m. Covered Dish Dinner for Deacons in the Courtyard

Monday, June 20

6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Courtyard

Friday, June 24

7 p.m. Church Softball Game

8 p.m. Church Softball Game

Saturday, June 25

10 a.m. Westminster Walkers at Pleasant Grove Park in Fluvanna County

Sunday, June 26

10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Special Guest Speaker Kelly Eplee from Habitat for Humanity, in the Library

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