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Christ Church Presbyterian 7th Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019

9:30 A.M.

Called to love, serve and witness.

Thought as we enter worship
Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.—Old Chinese proverb

GATHERING

Quiet meditation time (Please fill out a blue or pink card with any prayer requests and put it in the collection plate.) – Thanks

Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I am determined, O God! I will sing and praise you with my whole heart.

Awake, O stringed instrument and harp! I will wake up at dawn!

I will give you thanks before the nations, O LORD! I will sing praises to you before foreigners!

For your loyal love extends beyond the sky, and your faithfulness reaches the clouds.

Rise up above the sky, O God! May your splendor cover the whole earth!

Deliver by your power and answer me, so that the ones you love may be safe. -- *Psalm 108:1-6*

*INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)

Almighty God, we go our way and mess up ourselves and others. Yet you come to us in truth and grace. May we this day honor you with our praise and glorify you by living grace filled lives. We give you thanks by our acts of love that together we will demonstrate your rule in our lives. **Amen.**

*HYMN BLUE #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his staunch love from me.

In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God. —*based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV*

***CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. —Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18, NRSV

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us. Through Christ we have been made free to a new life through the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

* HYMN GREEN #80 *“Open Our Eyes, Lord”*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD**HEARING GOD'S WORD: Acts 14:6-28**

Paul and Barnabas learned about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and the surrounding region. There they continued to proclaim the good news.

In Lystra sat a man who could not use his feet, lame from birth, who had never walked. This man was listening to Paul as he was speaking. When Paul stared intently at him and saw he had faith to be healed, he said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet."

And the man leaped up and began walking. So when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!"

They began to call Barnabas Zeus and Paul Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of the temple of Zeus, located just outside the city, brought bulls and garlands to the city gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard about it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, "Men, why are you doing these things? We too are men, with human natures just like you! We are proclaiming the good news to you, so that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to go their own ways, yet he did not leave

himself without a witness by doing good, by giving you rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying you with food and your hearts with joy."

Even by saying these things, they scarcely persuaded the crowds not to offer sacrifice to them.

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and after winning the crowds over, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, presuming him to be dead. But after the disciples had surrounded him, he got up and went back into the city. On the next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

MESSAGE *“The Wrong Kind of Success”***THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND**

MINUTE FOR MISSION – PENTECOST Jean Schultz

THE OFFERING

***LIFTING PRAISE TO GOD – HYMN #593** *The Doxology*

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

O Lord, we come to you with gratitude and thankfulness for your great love and abundant gifts. We now give you a token of our commitment to you, asking that you would use our offering of ourselves and all that we have to further your work in the world. We ask this as your servants willing to do your will. Amen.

COMMUNION:

Words of Invitation

HYMN BLUE #98 *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

Our God is with us.

Lift up your hearts in praise to the Lord.

We will praise our Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise to the only wise God, our Savior.

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, what we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of hope, and of communion. We remember:

We remember that our God entered into our world, becoming human. He came to die so that in his death he would destroy the power of death, crushing it and rendering it powerless.

We remember that our Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated to us his love by taking on the death that was our due, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.

We remember that by his death, resurrection, and ascension he established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation, that we might be accepted by God and given new life in him.

We come in hope:

We come in hope, certain of God's promises fulfilled in Christ. We rest in his love, sure of his mercy and grace. We wait with anticipation for the time when his kingdom has fully come and Jesus will reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We come to commune with our Lord:

Our community is built on the foundation of our Lord Jesus Christ. From him we are strengthened with power through the Spirit in the inner person, that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, so that, because we have been rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth of God's love. Thus we will know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Words of institution:

. . . We remember our Lord's death until he comes again.

As a community dedicated to proclaiming the good news of your grace, we are thankful that you have counted us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you as your priestly people.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon this congregation and all others who gather in your name. May we bear witness to your love and proclaim the good news of your salvation, being strengthened and given courage by the Spirit. May others hear of your great works and join us in praising you with our lives.

Thus we honor and praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for your great love and mercy, coming to us in our need and bringing us into the family of God by your grace. Therefore, we cry 'Abba, Father' and worship you with all the saints all over the world. Hallelujah, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give you praise and thanks, O Lord that you have called us to be your children. We are grateful for your love that led you to die for us and offer ourselves as your servants to be conduits of your love and grace in the world. With joy we thank you for the ways our congregation has shown your love this week. We praise you for your grace, honor you for your love and rejoice in your mercy. With deepest gratitude we proclaim you God.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O God of compassion, we ask that our hearts be moved to show compassion for others. We especially pray for those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, home, food and shelter. We pray for all those who are prisoners, those who suffer addictions, and those who suffer daily. We remember before you the sick and dying, those who are lonely, those who are victims of war, terror, and injustice. We ask for mercy for those who suffer abuse especially those who are enslaved and grace for those who oppress others. We recall all those who have worshipped with us in the past and are unable to do so today.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Lord of the nations, we pray for all those who exercise authority over others. May they remember that their power is granted them to care for their people. May they pursue peace and justice as they seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Help us all remember we need your love and grace. Grant us the courage to model your mercy to those around us.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Lord Jesus, you are the head of the church, the beginning and the end of all things. Grant to the church universal your mercy as we struggle to follow you. Look we pray with mercy upon the ministry of this congregation which you have called together with grace and kindness. Increase our courage, strengthen our faith, and inspire our witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to us. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior, for you, Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit are worthy of our praise and adoration as we sing together the hymn "Thou Are Worthy":

***Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor, Glory and honor and pow'r.
For Thou has created, hast all things created, Thou hast created all things,
And for Thy pleasure they are created: Thou art worthy, O Lord!***

Serving of the Elements:

Communion is by Intinction. Please come forward to receive the elements, coming down the center aisle and returning to your seat along the outside aisles. We will have separate cups available if for any reason you are unable to dip the bread in the common cup.

CLOSING PRAYER

O God, we give you thanks for your great love. As we enter this season of Advent, may our lives reflect your love and grace. May our community see our love for you and give you glory. This we ask because we want to serve you out of our love for you. Amen.

SENDING OUT IN SERVICE

***HYMN INSERT “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

***CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE**

***BENEDICTION**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how fathomless his ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

Or who has first given to God, that God needs to repay him?

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever! Amen.

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

INSERT “RHYS” (Verse 3 Only)

***POSTLUDE**

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***Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.**

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