

CHRIST CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN
August 25, 2019

“It is Time . . .”

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Christ Church Presbyterian
11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019

9:30 A.M.

Called to love, serve and witness.

Thought as we enter worship
When you are grateful, when you can see what you have, you unlock blessings to flow into your life.—Suze Orman

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Before we got up this morning,
God was waiting for us,
To welcome us with grace.
When we are unsure of what to do,
We come to listen to God's voice,
To learn from the One who teaches us.
When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice,
God delivers us with steadfast love;
Set free to be God's children.

***HYMN BLUE #138 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we were children, we learned not to touch hot things so we would not be burned. If only avoiding sin was that easy! But sin seems so comfortable, so easy, and so harmless that we fail to stop ourselves from making wrong choices over and over again. Let us then confess to the One who forgives us unconditionally, praying together . . .

***CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Once more, we come to you O Holy God. Our wounded ways keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different. Forgive us, God, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. Thank you Jesus, for reaching out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more.

*HYMN BLUE #203 *“God of Mercy, God of Grace”*

***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.

* GREEN #80 *“Open Our Eyes, Lord”*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HEARING GOD’S WORD Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV)

The Call of Jeremiah

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

MESSAGE *“It is Time . . .”*

*HYMN BLUE #394 *“There Is a Balm, in Gilead”*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND

THE OFFERING

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

**Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving*

May we welcome your gifts with thanksgiving, Loving God. May we share your gifts with grace, so others might be healed by your touch, fed and nourished by your compassionate love as well as the fruit of your creation. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

SENDING OUT IN SERVICE

*CLOSING HYMN BLUE #377 *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

Church office hours: 8 am to Noon Monday through Thursday.

For emergencies in August call

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