

**CHRIST CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN**  
September 8, 2019

*“The Question of  
Your Life”*

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**Christ Church Presbyterian**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 8, 2019

10:30 A.M.

*Called to love, serve and witness.*

Thought as we enter worship  
*Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand. —God (Jeremiah 18:6b)*

**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**

Leader: Life can sometimes be difficult.

**People: We look around and wonder where God is.**

Leader: In the midst of trials and storms, God is with us.

**People: God puts his word in our hearts and surrounds us with hope and love.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

**People: Come, let us worship God for all he is and all he does for us.**

**\*HYMN BLUE #281 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgiving God, we give you thanks for your unconditional love and ask that you enable us to love each other unconditionally, too. Forgive us for not always answering when others ask, “Who do you say that I am?” Forgive us for ignoring those in our midst who are different from ourselves. Forgive us for the times we so easily conform to the language and actions of this world. Forgive us for taking the easy way out with texts, emails, or facebook, instead of meeting each other face to face. Forgive us, God, and make us whole again. In the name of Jesus who came to save us, we pray. **Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Had it not been for the Lord who was on our side,

**People: Sin would have swallowed us whole.**

Leader: Thanks be to God who is on our side.

**People: In Christ Jesus, the bonds of sin and death have been broken.**

**All: We are forgiven and set free!**

**\*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.

**\* BLUE #579 "Gloria Patri"**

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**THE WORD THROUGH MUSIC – ANTHEM "Down by the Riverside" arr. by J Althouse**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD Matthew 16.13-20 (NIV)**

**Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**SERMON TITLE "The Question of Your Life"**

**\*HYMN BLUE #404 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION - PEACE OFFERING Jean Schultz**

**THE OFFERING**

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

**\*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Christ Jesus, we present ourselves to you as an offering. We seek to be your body on this earth, and to live according to your good and perfect will. Guide us as your people. Help us use the gifts you have given to us to show others who you are and to share your grace and love with the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

**Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer Following Communion**

*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 #101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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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.**