

CHRIST CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN
August 4, 2019

*“Storage
Wars”*

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Christ Church Presbyterian
8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2019

9:30 A.M.

Called to love, serve and witness.

Thought as we enter worship.
Pray, and let God worry. —Martin Luther

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**

So many things draw us away from God.

We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.

We place our interest in temporal things.

But Christ calls us to a higher level.

We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion. AMEN.

***HYMN BLUE #388 “Oh Jesus, I have Promised”**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

When the Lord comes,

He will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,

and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

***CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We are too often stuck in the past,

nursing old wounds, rehearsing sins of long ago

allowing our visions for today and tomorrow to be stalled.

Lord have mercy,

Lord have mercy,

Have mercy upon us.

We are gathering into barns (and bank accounts) preparing educationally, spiritually, and emotionally for the future; denying the pleasure of life today with eyes focused on tomorrow.

**Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Have mercy upon us.**

We are so intent on caring for our nuclear families we miss the presence of Christ in the homeless, the aging, the vulnerable who live just outside our doors.

**Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Have mercy upon us.**

***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 Luke 12:13-21

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is

being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

MESSAGE "Storage Wars"

***HYMN BLUE #543 "Abide with Me"**

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND

THE OFFERING

LIFTING PRAISE TO GOD – HYMN #593 *The Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are and do and say may be our gifts to you through Christ, who beckons all to seek the things above, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. 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 #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

***CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BLESSING**

***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.