

**CHRIST CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN**  
**August 18, 2019**

*“We Didn’t  
Start the Fire”*

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**Christ Church Presbyterian**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 18, 2019**

**9:30 A.M.**

*Called to love, serve and witness.*

Thought as we enter worship  
*If you have no joy, there’s a leak in your Christianity somewhere.* —Billy Sunday

**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**

God of Fire

We call out to you

**Be near to us today**

God we cannot hide from

We call out to you

**Be near to us today**

God of words that shatter like a hammer shatters rock

We call out to you

**Be near to us today**

Father of Jesus, the one who came not to bring peace but to divide

We call out to you

**Be near to us today**

Father of Jesus, the one who names our hypocrisy

We call out to you

**Be near to us today.**

**\*HYMN BLUE #391 “Take My Life”**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

We know that we have not lived as God hopes.

But however, fragmented we become,

God longs to hold us together in grace and peace.  
Let us come with our prayers of confession and need  
to the One who prepares the way for our words.

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to you all the ways we have not  
lived as your people:

**we stand by watching**  
**while those in need struggle to survive;**  
**we cast our lots with those**  
**who worship power and success;**  
**we offer insults rather than words of grace**  
**to those who care for us;**  
**we scoff at your words**  
**which call us to a different lifestyle.**

Forgive us, God of Mercy,  
for not knowing what we do to you,  
to others, to ourselves.  
Speak to us through Jesus Christ,  
our King and our Savior,  
who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope.

*Silence is kept*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is the good news: God remembers!  
Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion.  
God remembers us—and redeems us!  
**God prepares the way for us:**  
**the way to grace, to hope, to new life.**  
**Joyfully, we offer our thanks 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.

**\*GREEN #80 “Open Our Eyes, Lord”**

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SCRIPTURE Luke 12:49-56 (CEB)**

**Conflicts brought by Jesus**

<sup>49</sup> “I came to cast fire upon the earth. How I wish that it was already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism I must experience. How I am distressed until it’s completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, I have come instead to bring division. <sup>52</sup> From now on, a household of five will be divided—three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> Father will square off against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

**Learning and practicing good judgment**

<sup>54</sup> Jesus also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud forming in the west, you immediately say, ‘It’s going to rain.’ And indeed it does. <sup>55</sup> And when a south wind blows, you say, ‘A heat wave is coming.’ And it does. <sup>56</sup> Hypocrites! You know how to interpret conditions on earth and in the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret the present time?”

**MESSAGE “We Didn’t Start the Fire”**

**\*HYMN BLUE #527 “Near to the Heart of God”**

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND**

**THE OFFERING**

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.  
In the upside down world of the gospel,  
we measure our wealth not by what we have,  
but what we can give away.  
Let us give away generously, in this offering,  
To bless your church, your people, your creation

**\*HYMN BLUE #288 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

**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 #288 *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

\*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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