

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9, 2024

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Meditation before Worship

Most High God, create in me the grace and love for my neighbor. Open my heart and eyes to those I would not ordinarily think of extending your love towards. Remove judgment from my mind and use me as an extension of your acceptance and search for those that feel unwanted. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

“We Gather Together”

arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 20*)

Leader: May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;

People: The Lord gives victory to his anointed.

Leader: May he send you help from the sanctuary;

People: He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.

Leader: May he remember ... your burnt offerings.

People: Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Leader: May he give you ... all your plans succeed.

People: May we shout with confidence that the Almighty will do good toward us! Amen!

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Jesus, we find the Kingdom of Heaven stories to be overwhelming. We can scarcely take the news in, and we are too obsessed with heaven to worry about what it is we should be doing here on earth. Forgive us Lord when we seem lost and distracted.

Jesus meets us with the good news, reminding us what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. Let us remind one another as we go into the world—the Kingdom of Heaven is like grace, it is like justice, it is love, forgiveness and resurrection of new life! Amen. (*Silent prayer of confession*)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

I Samuel 8:4-22

Men’s Ensemble Anthem

“Rise Up, O Men of God”

arr. John Lloyd

Rise up, O men of God, have done with lesser things;

Give heart and soul and mind and strength

To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God! His kingdom tarries long;

Bring in the day of brotherhood

And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God! How long the church must wait,

Her strength unequal to her task,

Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!

Tread where his feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 4:21–34

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Living in Godland!”

Pastor Steve Watters

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn**

“In an Age of Twisted Values”

#345

Prayers of the People and 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.

Invitation to Offering

***Response**

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (verse 4)

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***Prayer of Dedication**

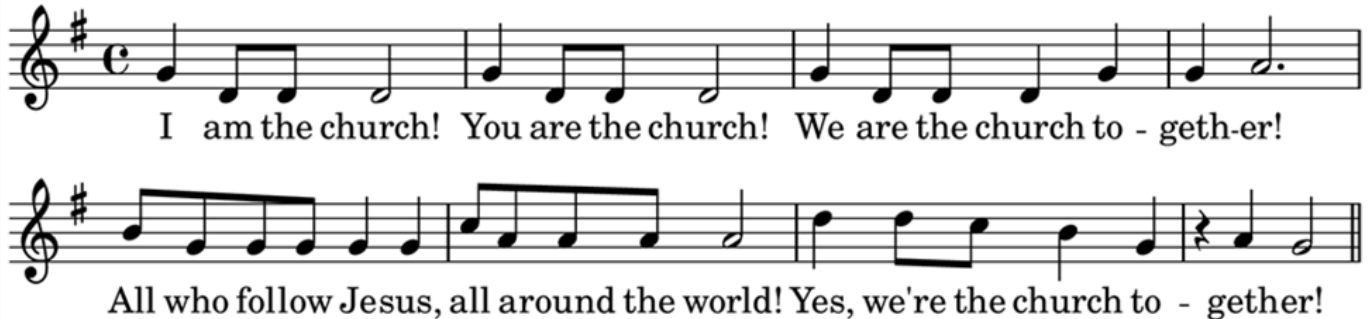
The Sending of God's People

***Closing Hymn** "For the Healing of the Nations"

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***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response** "We Are the Church"



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!".

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***Postlude**

"O for a World"

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Pastor: Steven A. Watters

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Liturgist: Carole Sue Ames

Organist: Carol Welk

Our liturgist, Carole Sue Ames, grew up in Lafayette and attended the Methodist Church. When she moved into London at the age of 15, she began to attend the First Presbyterian Church when it was located on Walnut Street. She loves her church family dearly and following the path that God has laid out for her.

Carole married Bill Ames in 1956, and they had 5 sons, 18 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. Carol enjoys swimming and golfing. She loves to travel whenever possible, and has been active in our church choir since 1970.