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Worship will also be connected through Facebook Live

Worship, September 18, 2022, 11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.... Let everything praise the Lord!

Let us pray: **We give thanks and praise to you, O God, for our very lives and for the world we live in. You are the Eternal One who is with us always and who breathes your spirit into us, enabling us to follow your way. As we sing and pray and lift up your name may you receive our love and may we feel your love in return. Amen.**

+Hymn *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord (2034)*

Call to Confession

God's love is enough to reconcile us to God even when we go astray. With gratitude for God's grace, let us make our confessions and seek reconciliation from God.

Prayer of Confession

O God, you have given us frameworks for righteous living that add up to bringing your justice and kindness to our communities, treating others as we would be treated, and loving our neighbors and you completely. Yet we fall short of your desires for how we should act in the world; we turn away from needy people, abuse our environment for our own gain, and allow violence to make our children and those who we see as outsiders become targets. Show us mercy, compassionate one, as we seek to become more like the people you created us to be.
(Moment of silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

L: God would have us be honest in all things. To cry out when we are in pain, to seek guidance when we are lost, and to trust in God's strength when we are afraid. Give thanks that we are reconciled to God and free to be the people that God would have us be.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response of Praise *O Lord, Hear My Prayer (2x)*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call, answer me,

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.

Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us share the sign of the peace with one another.

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Open us to the wonder that is found in your word, O God, that we might be changed and strengthened by the wisdom found within. Amen.

Scripture Reading **I Timothy 2:1-8** First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument...

Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised (388)*

Gospel Reading **Luke 16:1-13** Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith from the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

Offering Prayer

L: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

P: The world, and those who live in it.

L: Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

P: and of your own we give you.

L: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; in the way of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying: ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

Response of Praise (v.1 only)

SERVICE MUSIC

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world...

Hear our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world.

Amen. *Lectionary.library.Vanderbilt.edu*

Taking the Word into the World

+Song *God, Bless Your Church with Strength (words 418, tune 151)*

+Charge and Benediction

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be the name of the Lord most high (repeat)

Refrain

The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run to into it and they are saved. (repeat)

Glory to the name of the Lord, glory to the name of the Lord,
Glory to the name of the Lord most high (repeat)

Refrain

Holy is the name of the Lord, holy is the name of the Lord,
Holy is the name of the Lord most high (repeat)

Refrain

Repeat first verse

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end, by thou forever with me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel you near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear

My foes are ever near me, around me and within, but Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking, in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion the murmurs of self will

O speak to reassure me to hasten or control, O speak and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be,
 And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end, O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

God, Bless Your Church With Strength

God, bless your church with strength! wherever we may be
 Upbuild your servants as we work in common ministry
 Urge us from fledgling faith to venture and to soar
 Through open skies, to sing the praise of Christ whom we adore.

God bless your church with life! May all our branches thrive,
 Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, abundantly alive.
 From you, one holy vine, in freedom may we grow;
 Sustain us in our mission, Lord, your love and peace to show.

God, bless your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,
 May we in chaos shine to light a pathway through life's maze.
 May justice be our aim, and kindness ours to share,
 In humbleness O may we walk, assured our God is there!

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Scriptures for Sunday, September 25

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15
Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16
1 Timothy 6:6–19
Luke 16:19–31

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy
Ruth Roeber
The McDermott family
Johanna Willis
Nita Kleier
Jean Jennings' family
Emilee Walden
Kelly Montana
Lynda Jaeger
Kittie Dupps
Skip Dixon & Family
Ron Carlin
Ella Grace Marksberry

Worship Services

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

Cornerstone Meals

We'll be providing meals for Cornerstone this month. Food prep will take place on Monday, September 19, and we'll serve meals at Cornerstone on Tuesday, September 20. Contact Rev. Sharon for more details.

How Can Our Offerings Equip Peacemakers in Congregations and Around the World?

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering between September 4 and October 2 enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.