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Worship

September 25, 2022, 11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

P: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

Let us pray: **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+Hymn *The God of Abraham Praise (488)*

Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a torment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. (Moment of silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

L: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Scripture Reading I Timothy 6: 6-19 ⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns (151)*

Gospel Reading Luke 16: 19-31 ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith from *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;

- that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;
- that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

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, 7 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, 7 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, 7 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 *Live Into Hope (332)*

+Charge and Benediction

The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
 The ancient of eternal days the God of love!
 The Lord, the Great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
 We bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will,
 In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 Established is your law, and changeless shall it stand,
 Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
 Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
 We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name.
 The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the lamb upon his throne;
 Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
 Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee,
 And hail him as thy matchless king throughout eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
 Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
 No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
 But downwards bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose power a scepter sways
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise;
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
 Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
 Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
 All hail, redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
 Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Live Into Hope

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight restored, the end of greed.
 The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see with insight and with clarity.
 Removing shades of pride and fear—a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope or liberty, the right to speak, the right to be
 The right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
 God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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Scriptures for Sunday, October 2

Lamentations 1:1–6
Lamentations 3:19–26 or
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1–14
Luke 17:5–10

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.

Guest Preacher for Sunday, Oct. 2

Rev. Christ White will be leading Community of Faith in worship next Sunday.

World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, Oct. 2, Community of Faith will join with other churches around the globe to celebrate World Communion Sunday.

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.