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Worship, October 30, 2022, 11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Reformation Sunday: A Visit from a Saint

Lighting of the Christ Candle Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: Oh, God, you have been our help in ages past!

P: You have provided saints who have led your church, each in their own time and place. We thank you.

L: You give us hope for the days to come.

P: You hold our future in your hands. We thank you that we can walk into the unknown knowing you will be with us.

L: You are our shelter in times of hardship and trial.

P: Thank you, God, for giving us the security of your presence, the sense of your love and care during the difficult parts of our lives.

L: Our hope, our desire is to remain with you forever.

P: We praise you, God, for your promise that, when we come to the end of this life, we will be with you for eternity.

Let us pray: **Lord, our God— whose power is beyond compare, and glory is beyond understanding; whose mercy is boundless, and love for us is ineffable— look upon us with your compassion and grant us your abundant mercy; for to you belong all glory, honor, and worship to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.** *—Liturgy of St. Basil, 4th Century (Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 1102). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.)*

+Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (#260)*

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.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 57). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray: **Gracious and loving God, we are called to love you with our whole being—heart, mind, soul and strength—and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. And yet we continue to put ourselves first: our own needs, wants and desires come before you and before the needs of the community. We make idols of the things we covet and hold back gifts that could be used to serve others. Forgive us, O God, for the pain and suffering we cause or ignore; heal us in body, mind and spirit that we may use our whole selves that we may better love you and our fellow human beings. (Moment of silent prayer)**

Assurance of Pardon

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare in the name of Jesus Christ that we are forgiven!

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.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, by the power of your Spirit, help us so to hear your holy word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —*Ulrich Zwingli (1484– 1531) Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 1111). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.*

Scripture Reading Hebrews 11:17 – 22; 12:1 – 3 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hymn *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (#364)*

Scripture Reading Genesis 45:1 - 8 Joseph couldn't hold himself in any longer, keeping up a front before all his attendants. He cried out, "Leave! Clear out—everyone leave!" So there was no one with Joseph when he identified himself to his brothers. But his sobbing was so violent that the Egyptians couldn't help but hear him. The news was soon reported to Pharaoh's palace.

Joseph spoke to his brothers: "I am Joseph. Is my father really still alive?" But his brothers couldn't say a word. They were speechless—they couldn't believe what they were hearing and seeing.

"Come closer to me," Joseph said to his brothers. They came closer. "I am Joseph your brother whom you sold into Egypt. But don't feel badly, don't blame yourselves for selling me. God was behind it. God sent me here ahead of you to save lives. There has been a famine in the land now for two years; the famine will continue for five more years—neither plowing nor harvesting. God sent me on ahead to pave the way and make sure there was a remnant in the land, to save your lives in an amazing act of deliverance. So you see, it wasn't you who sent me here but God. He set me in place as a father to Pharaoh, put me in charge of his personal affairs, and made me ruler of all Egypt.

Sermon

Beyond the Coat of Many Colors

Becky Lindsay

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: We are persuaded that there is an inseparable connection between faith and practice, truth and duty.

P: **Let us worship God with our lives and the acknowledgement of our tithes and offerings.**
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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; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray: *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.*

--Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 25). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Response of Praise (v.1 only)

SERVICE MUSIC

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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

Taking the Word into the World

+Song *Grace Alone (#2162)*

+Charge Go out into the world in peace. Stay close to God through the Holy Spirit. Seek his purpose for your life, for if you follow his plan, you will be successful. No matter what comes your way, remember that God is with you. Put your faith in him and trust that he will see you through.

Benediction