

October 13, 2024
21st Sunday after Pentecost



Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Larry Janski

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text
All are invited to stand when there is an **

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

*In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image,...
of every race and people, to live as one community.*

-from A Brief Statement of Faith

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT

We Are Marching

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Where then can I go from your Spirit;

where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me,

and your right hand hold me fast.

from Psalm 139

*OPENING HYMN

#4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we lie to ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

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 consuming fire of judgment. 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. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends remember that we are loved by God, who is merciful, and that in Jesus God's mercy is made known. Therefore, in the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Alleluia, Amen!

***RESPONSE**

#581 The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

(Note: The prayerful movements of our Interpretative Arts Ministry, during our Song of Response, represent our thanks to God in body, mind and soul for forgiveness and new life.)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, O God, as you spoke at the dawn of creation and awaken your Word within us today. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-2:4 (NRSV)

1In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

26Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

27So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” 29God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

30And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

31God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

1Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. 2And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. 3So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

4These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 17:22-34 (NRSV)

22Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

29Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

32When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, “We will hear you again about this.” 33At that point Paul left them. 34But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#7 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

GOSPEL READING

John 17:20-26 (NRSV)

20 “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, **21** that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^f so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **24** Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. **26** I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“I Believe in God...”

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

We Believe

Arr. Sorenson

*“Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.”
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*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

the Apostle’s Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We praise you O God for your grace poured out upon us by your Holy Spirit, for your everlasting love, and your steadfast presence. **We praise you O God.**

We praise you O God for the beauty of your creation, from the smallest of insects to the tallest of mountains. **We praise you O God.** We thank you for the ways your creation provides for our needs and pray we might be good stewards of all you have made.

We praise you O God for the communities and world you have made for our home and for the nation we live in. **We praise you O God.** We pray for those in positions of leadership, that they may be wise, humble, and just in all they do. Empower us to live in love towards our neighbors and to serve them in the way of Jesus.

We praise you O God for your compassion for those in need and your solidarity with those who suffer. **We praise you O God.** Bless all who are oppressed, hurting, whose lives have been devastated by storms or war, and those made to feel less than your beloved children. Bring to them whatever relief, comfort, and justice they need and use us wherever possible to be the means of your compassion.

We praise you O God for healing mercies and tender presence. **We praise you O God.** Be with all who are sick, injured, or in recovery and bring healing and comfort to them and their loved ones. Especially we pray for...

We praise you O God for your comfort in grief and the promise that death does not have the final word. **We praise you O God.** Bring comfort and peace to all who grieve and renew our hope in your promise of resurrection life. Especially we pray for...

We praise you O God for the gift of your Church. **We praise you O God.** We give you thanks that you have called each of us to be a part of this family, your body, here and in eternity. Help us, by your grace, to be faithful disciples of Jesus; living in love, extending the mercy we have been given, and glorifying you in all we do.

We praise you O God for Jesus Christ, your incarnate Word, our source and salvation who taught us to pray saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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

*CLOSING HYMN

#15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise Up

Trad. Gaelic Blessing

Arr Rouse

POSTLUDE

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from The Saint Helena Psalter (2004).

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

#4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name | TEXT: Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858, alt. | MUSIC: Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774; harm. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819 | Public domain

#7 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth | TEXT: Jean Janzen, 1991 | MUSIC: Carolyn Jennings, 1995 | Text © 1991 Jean Janzen Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

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#15 All Creatures of Our God and King | TEXT: Francis of Assisi; trans. composite | MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 | Music from the English Hymnal, 1906

May the Road Rise Up Trad Gaelic Blessing Arr. Jay Rouse ©2012 by HAL LEONARD CORPORATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I Believe: The Apostles' Creed, what it says and why it matters: This week we are discussing chapter 1, "I believe in God..." Next week, the week of October 20th, we will be discussing chapter 2, "I believe in Jesus Christ..." The Zoom link to the discussion will be sent out the Friday before.

SPOT: Silence is not itself a spiritual practice, but it is an integral part of spiritual practices. Come experience and reflect on silence and its place in our spiritual lives with us on **Monday October 21st at 6:30pm** in the Sanctuary. This month's SPOT will be led by Pastor Brian. Spiritual Practices of Today (SPOT) is our monthly gathering where we learn about and try on various practices that can deepen our spiritual life and relationship with God.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: PDA is deploying National Response Team members to help respond to the needs of those in Tampa Bay Presbytery, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. If you would like to help support this financially, you can give online at bit.ly/DR000169

How can we pray for you?

Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



BPC Prayer List:

- Milla Spike, Kevin's grand daughter

- Lois Lindstrom
- Joel Aldrich
- Marquietta Shupe
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has terminal illness
- Kelly, daughter of Al DeBellis, who has cancer
- Gary, Chuck Klaassen's brother-in-law, was in a serious car crash
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Daniel Elliot
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Dennis Dietz, Virginia's friend
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jimm and Jodie Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels

- John and Charlotte Collins
- Janice Sorby
- George and Elaine Thole and family following Scott's death
- Tanya Jenson DeBellis and family following Al's death

For peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel/Palestine, Congo, and around the world.

For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and for the congregations of our presbytery.

Upcoming This Week

Today

9:30a Worship

10:30a CCC: Bible Jeopardy Led by Ashton

7:00p Creed Zoom Discussion Group

Monday

6:30p PEO

7:00p AA

Tuesday

9:00a Crafty Ladies

9:00a Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe
6:30p Session

Wednesday

1:00p Creed In-Person Discussion Group

7:00p Adult Choir

Thursday

7:30a People of Faith

10:00a Women of Faith

5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group

7:00p Communications Committee Meeting

Friday

Saturday

10:00a Covenant Conversation at Oak Grove

Sunday

8:30a 150th Planning Meeting

9:30a Worship

10:30a CCC: Pastor Brian

7:00p Creed Zoom Discussion

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4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

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1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - turing one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - ery
 me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 grow un - til I flower, un - til I know.

As the tune name hints, this text is derived from images in the writings of the English medieval mystic, Julian of Norwich. In 1393 she wrote down an account of her sixteen remarkable visions experienced twenty years earlier; they formed the basis of her theology of God's love.

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!