

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 11, 2020

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*(BOLD indicates Read Together)*

## GATHERING

PRELUDES – Avis Allen, organist

Prelude on *Trust in Jesus* – arr. Haan

*Our Father In Heaven* – Johnson

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* – arr. Smith

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* – Ancient Irish Melody

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The Lord will make a feast for all people

**and destroy the power of death forever.**

HYMN – “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!**

**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;**

**The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given:**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come**

**To glorify the saints For their eternal home:**

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you are extravagant,**

**inviting us to your table in the kingdom of heaven.**

**But often we do not take our place at the feast.**

**We say, “We have more important things to do,”**

**and turn back to labors that threaten to consume us.**

**Beckon us again, we pray,**

**that we may respond with gratitude.**

**In your mercy, gather us in**

**that we might experience the joy of your kingdom**

**and taste the abundance of your grace. AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “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.**

## *PROCLAIMING*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.**

**Silence in us any voice but your own,**

**that, hearing, we may also obey your will;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 25:1-9

**25**<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

**2** For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.

**3** Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

**4** For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

**5** the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

**6** On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

**7** And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

**8** he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

**9** It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SECOND LESSON – Matthew 22:1-14

22 <sup>1</sup> Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.”

(The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**)

SERMON – Rev. Lorenz

HYMN – “The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy”

**The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy,  
God’s power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**

**The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.  
The outcasts are welcomed God’s banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**The kingdom of God is challenge and choice;  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgment for gain or for loss.**

**God’s kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry “Glory!” to God All in all.**

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (traditional)

**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**

## GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, Creator of all things,  
everything on earth is yours.  
We have nothing that can make you richer,  
for everything comes from your hand.  
But what we have we bring –  
the acknowledgment that we give thanks to you,  
and that without you we have nothing and can do nothing.  
Receive and bless these gifts for your holy work,  
and bless those who give offer them to you. AMEN**

## SENDING

HYMN – “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give the living water;  
thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream,  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

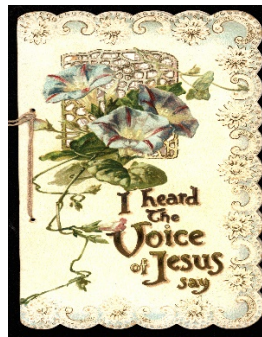
**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that Light of life I’ll walk, till traveling days are done.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “Amen”

POSTLUDE

*E-flat Major* – Fischer



## ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 11, 2020

### **SERVING TODAY:**

**Reader:** Deb Ryerson

**Ushers:** Rick Line, Deb Ryerson, Fred Seltzer, Charlie Thompson

**Vocalists:** Ron & Deb Richcreek

**Camera:** Joe Shane

**Recorder:** Ray Thomas

### **THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:**

\* for the church at work: (in the presbyteries of) Charlotte; Shenandoah; Denver; and in Cuba

\* for the church: Warfordsburg; Rev. Ed Blank

\* in the community: Gettysburg College

\* for the congregation (at random): Dan & Samantha Gilbert; Brian, Heather, Brianna & Aidan Metzger

### **NEXT SUNDAY . . . . 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost . . . . October 18<sup>th</sup>**

– **10:45 AM:** Worship (**NOTE:** Sunday morning worship continues to be recorded and posted on the church website, church Facebook page, and on YouTube (“Sunday on the Square”) for the convenience of those who cannot worship in-person. To reserve a seat, please call on Wednesdays, beginning 10 AM.



Members of the Congregation, Ministers  
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor  
The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus  
Debby Madden, Educator Emerita  
Arthur Thompson, Organist  
Ron Richcreek, Music Director  
Avis Allen, Administrative Secretary  
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