



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



*Welcome, we are **glad** you are here!*

September 27, 2020

ORDER of WORSHIP

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for Lord is good

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

L: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

P: **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is our God.**

L: Come praise and exalt the name of the Lord.

P: **Let us worship God.**

* Opening Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (v.1,5)

VERSE 1:

*For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:*

REFRAIN:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

VERSE 2:

*For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:*

REFRAIN:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

VERSE 5:

*For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:*

REFRAIN:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Prayer of the Day

O God of our salvation, we waver before the demands of your word and turn away from your call to new life. Pour out your mercy on us as you showed mercy to your people of old, that we may turn from our hurtful ways and walk in the light of your love. By your Spirit, fill us with renewed energy and insight in this season, so that we may join in your ongoing work to bring justice, peace and hope into the world you so love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 21:23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Sermon “Saying Yes”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Call to Offering

*** Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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.



GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* Closing Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

VERSE 1:

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

REFRAIN:

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

VERSE 3:

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

REFRAIN:

*Great is thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

* Benediction

Postlude

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*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of
service begins.*

We are the church whether we are gathered or scattered.

*We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.*

*Stand in body or spirit.

Bold - Everything is said in unison.

Italics - Sing.

VISION

To see lives transformed, families strengthened, and our community renewed through intentional relationship with Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

*Renewed Lives | Community Positive | Intergenerational Family
Joyful Service | Presbyterian Roots*

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10:15AM Sunday Service

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