

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

“Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith”



September 18, 2022

10 AM

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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“No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth..”

Luke 16:13

Please take time to prepare for worship through meditation and prayer during the prelude. As the prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul. With music and prayer let us move from 'getting to church' to 'being the church' as we worship together.

Opening Prayer

O Lord, how easy it is to turn away from portrayals of a world in which so many of your children exist in abject destitution alongside our colossal opulence. Break our hearts with that which breaks your own, O Lord. Till the unplowed ground of our souls with Christ's very hand, that we might become a living sacrifice of first fruits for all those who hunger and thirst. Empower us to be and bring manna amid the deserts of despair, through Jesus Christ, the bread of life.
All: Amen.

PRELUDE *Meditation on "Just as I Am" and "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me"*
Oressa Campbell, organ Janzer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mark Juengel

Introit **Come Sing, O Church in Joy!**
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Patrick Field

LEADER: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

PEOPLE: **but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness.**

LEADER: And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

PEOPLE: **Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,**

LEADER: that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

ALL: **and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!**

***Hymn #393: "O Day of Rest and Gladness"**

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, to whose service we long ago dedicated our souls and lives, we grieve and lament before you that we are still so prone to sin and so little inclined to obedience.

Leader: So fond of idleness,

People: **So indisposed for work.**

Leader: So soon at play,

People: **So late at prayer.**

Leader: So brisk in the service of self,

People: So slack in the service of others.

Leader: So eager to get,

People: So reluctant to give.

Leader: So lofty in our profession,

People: So lowly in our practice.

Leader: So weak in adversity,

People: So swollen and self-satisfied in prosperity.

All: Forgive us, merciful God, that we may become one with you in obedience to your will. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

Patrick Field

All have fallen short of the glory of God, yet it is God who restores us to glory through God's abundant grace. Let us receive Christ's strength and mercy. **All: Alleluia. Amen.**

***Congregational Response, Hymn #649,**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (L. Andrews (1555-1626)) **Patrick Field**

Take away, O Lord, the veil of my heart while I read the Scriptures. Blessed are you, O Lord. O teach me your statutes; give me a word, O Word of the Father; touch my heart; enlighten the understandings of my heart; open my lips and fill them with your praise; be, O Lord, in my spirit and in my mouth; in my mouth that lawfully and worthily I may show forth your oracles by the sanctifying power of your thrice Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

First Lesson: Psalm 79: 1-9

Patrick Field

Second Lesson: Luke 16: 1-13

Rev. Mark Juengel

Music Meditation *We Are People of Faith* Besig and Price
Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON "Sleight of Hand" Rev. Mark Juengel

***Hymn #824: "Near to the Heart of God"**

INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

Offertory *A Quiet Moment "Amazing Grace"* *Arr. McDonald*
Matthew Rupcich, piano

***Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all
people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts
and debtors)**

***Hymn #353, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

THE BENEDICTION

Choral Benediction **Irish Blessing** **Traditional**
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE **Voluntary** **John Garth**
Oressa Campbell, organ

***Please stand if you are able.**