

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9th Sunday After Pentecost

August 2, 2020

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*OPENING HYMN

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Tune: HOLY MANNA

**All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 17

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to our cries;

Give ear to prayers from lips free of deceit.

I call upon you, for you will answer me,

O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love,

O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;

When I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you teach us compassion, and we practice bigotry. You implore us to trust you, while we create idols. You send Christ as a witness that you will not forsake us; yet we fret over matters as though you cared not at all. Forgive our compulsion to control our own destiny. Look kindly upon us when we fear for our future. Have mercy upon us when we mismanage your grace. We are your people; help us to dwell in your promise.

(A time for personal reflection) And all of God's children said: **Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

Tune: AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch life me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

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Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21 (CEB)

When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. ¹⁵That evening his disciples came and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶But Jesus said to them, "There's no need to send them away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish."

¹⁸He said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. ²¹About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 32:22-31 (CEB)

Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River's shallow water. ²³ He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. ²⁴ But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. ²⁵ When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking." But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me."

²⁷ He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won."

²⁹ Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name." But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he blessed Jacob there.

³⁰ Jacob named the place Peniel, "because I've seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved." ³¹ The sun rose as Jacob passed Peniel, limping because of his thigh.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"And the wrasslin' began!"

Jim Musgrave

Responding to God

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*sing*)

The Apostle's Creed

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

**I believe in God the Father, maker of both earth and sky;
And his only Son Christ Jesus, who responded to our cry.
Made true man by God the Spirit, he was born of Mary pure.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate all the human ills to cure.**

**Crucified and dead and buried; gave himself to death's dark sway.
But he rose again in power on the morn of Easter Day.
Now gone back once more to heaven, reigns he from his Father's right;
'Til to judge the dead and living, he shall come in glory bright.**

**I believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, here and beyond,
Joining all the saints together in one fellowship and bond;
I believe in God's forgiveness; I believe my flesh shall rise,
And I look for life unending, and a home in paradise.**

Author unknown.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;
Bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.**

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, whom you have sent in these last times as Savior and redeemer, and messenger of your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you made all things and in whom you take delight. You sent him from heaven into the Virgin's womb, where he was conceived, and took flesh. Born of the Virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit, he was revealed as your Son. In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering to release from suffering those who place their trust in you, and so won for you a holy people. He freely accepted the death to which he was handed over, in order to destroy death and to shatter the chains of the evil one; to trample underfoot the powers of hell and to lead the righteous into light; to fix the boundaries of death and to manifest the resurrection. Remembering therefore his death and resurrection, we set before you this bread and cup, thankful that you have counted us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you as your priestly people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of the holy church. Gather into one all who share these holy mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory, through your Servant, Jesus Christ. Through him all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Going Forth to Serve

BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Tune: LNSTEAD

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!**

**Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

*WORDS OF DISMISSAL

The blessing of the holy, triune God — who was and is and is to come — first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega — be with you now and always.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE

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Nurture Time

August 2: Read Matthew 14:13-21 Matthew 14:13-21 tells the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 with just five loaves of bread and two fish, all because he saw the need of the many and felt compassion. What are the needs of those around you? How can you help?

Volunteering at a local soup kitchen, donating to a food bank, giving a homeless person a meal – how can you show compassion?

Church Notes

MEMBERS WISHING TO BLESS RLPC'S MINISTRY FINANCIALLY

With the fact that we are not coming together for worship, many of you who have generously given to the ministry of RLPC may want to continue your gifts to the church. There are several ways that you may donate a gift to the church. By logging onto the

church website at www.rlpc.org you can give through PayPal. Also, there is a mailbox outside the choir room where you can drop your offering or send it by mail. A prayer of dedication will be included in the Prayers of the People. Thank you for your support of our missions.

RESPONSIVE READER

Would you like to be a responsive reader during a recorded worship service? We can use one or two people from the same household. Only your voice is recorded and singing is optional. Please call (304 768-4141) or email the church office (rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com) if you are interested.

POLLEN8 VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING, AUGUST 5

Pollen8 breaks the cycle of addiction by providing prevention, treatment, and reintegration programs for women in recovery. We envision an Appalachia where women are no longer bound by addiction. We believe in the values of purpose, health, and community and honor those ideals in our programs and services. We do so through the creation of social enterprises (Café Appalachia, Café Appalachia Catering, Café Appalachia Express, and Cultiv8) and community partnerships to improve the knowledge and health of women to work and succeed in Appalachia and to create full-time, livable wage positions, so that the women can change the trajectory of their futures.

Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare (Rock Lake Community Life Center) is a residential, licensed behavioral health facility that will open this fall, where the women will live and receive treatment for Substance Use Disorder. At full-capacity, the facility will house 30 women (60 annually) for a minimum of 6 months. Residents will be supervised with staff onsite 24 hours per day. Our staff will be trained to understand a social model in an environment that is warm and inviting and feels like a community-style home. Our recovery support will consist of community engagement and we will model pro-social behaviors. This is a partnership between Pollen8, the City of South Charleston, and Rock Lake Presbyterian Church. **On Wednesday, August 5th, at 7 PM, the nonprofit organization will be holding a ZOOM Town Hall Meeting for anyone with comments, questions, and concerns.**

To join the Zoom Meeting use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82507163441> It helps to in advance have signed up and downloaded the Zoom app for your computer at zoom.com If needed, the Meeting ID is: 825 0716 3441 and Passcode: 548956

If you don't have a computer with speaker and/or microphone you can join by phone at 1 312 626-6799,,82507163441#,,,,,0#,,548956# OR 1 929 205-6099,,82507163441#,,,,,0#,,548956# The numbers after the phone numbers are the meeting ID and passcode along with some pauses and prompts.

Prayer List

To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Stephani Andrews	Jordan Hamill	Dennis Prochaska
Merrily Bailey	Brad Harkins	Edsil Prunty
Day and Gene Bishop	Addilyn Hardin	Joy Ratcliff
Max Bobbitt	Tre' Hardin	Sarah Shaver
Jo and Dick Clark	Juanita Hefner	Mary Anne Smith
Sue DeWald	Jim Johnson	Bill Wagner
Mary Anne Estill	Derek Lathey	The family of Loretta
Lee Ann Goff	Cheryl Morgan	Argento on the occasion of
Mary Graham	Brian O'Connell	her death.
Bogan "Danny" Gumowski	Jackie Pauley	The family of Jo Wilson on
Margie Gumowski	Ruth Pritchard	the occasion of her death.

Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Steve Cash	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Anne Copper, Tender Heart Home Care; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

Prayers for those at home - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Bonnie Cheely, Mary Jane Hamrick, Anita McCormick, Janie Moran, Anita Wehrmann

*Added to Prayer List this week

Prayers for Pollen8 in their ministry for drug addiction.

Prayer List for Churches –Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro; Tygarts Valley Presbyterian Church, Huttonsville; Gitero Church (Gay-TAY'roh); Rware Parish (Roh-ARE'ray)

