

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2020

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"This Is My Father's World"

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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
And whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,
Or declare the praise God is due?**

Happy are those who observe justice,
Who do righteousness at all times.

**Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;
Help me when you deliver them.**

Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Tune: ELLACOMBE

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**

**There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

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* PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ, we confess that we, too, make light of your invitation. We are reluctant to come when the feast is made ready. Our time is committed; business is pressing. We are afraid we will be with the wrong people. At times dissension hinders our response. We are not at peace with those likewise invited. We are in need of forgiveness to heal our divisions, and a measure of mercy to partake of your grace.

(A time for personal confession) Let All God's people say: **Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-10

The Message

Jesus responded (To the Chief Priests and Pharisees) by telling still more stories. "God's kingdom," he said, "is like a king who threw a wedding banquet for his son. He sent out servants to call in all the invited guests... And they wouldn't come!

⁴ "He sent out another round of servants, instructing them to tell the guests, 'Look, everything is on the table, the prime rib is ready for carving. Come to the feast!'

⁵⁻⁷ "They only shrugged their shoulders and went off, one to weed his garden, another to work in his shop. The rest, with nothing better to do, beat up on the messengers and then killed them. The king was outraged and sent his soldiers to destroy those thugs and level their city.

⁸⁻¹⁰ "Then he told his servants, 'We have a wedding banquet all prepared but no guests. The ones I invited weren't up to it. Go out into the busiest intersections in town and invite anyone you find to the banquet.' The servants went out on the streets and rounded up everyone they laid eyes on, good and bad, regardless. And so the banquet was on—every place filled.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"So, what's your excuse?"

Jim Musgrave

Responding to God

*AFFIRMATION

Col. 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.
Amen.**

* HYMN

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

Tune: WELCOME TABLE

Soloist - verse 1; All - verses 2,3

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

**I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia...*(repeat)***

**All the world will find a welcome;
All the world will find a welcome, Alleluia...*(repeat)***

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PASTORAL PRAYER/ LORD'S PRAYER

Going Forth to Serve

* HYMN

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

Tune: ARGENTINA

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

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***WORDS OF DISMISSAL**

Go into the world in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit! Rejoice that God is pleased to be with us in every circumstance! Share the love and grace that God provides for us! May the breath of God blow on us and through us as we leave this place and may the grace of our eternal God the Father, the love of our Lord Jesus and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest and abide with us today and always. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

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Church Notes

RLPC POT LUCK THIS SUNDAY

Join us for virtual Potluck luncheon at noon today, October 11th. Potluck occurs on the second Sunday of each month. An email reminder is being sent out this week giving the details on how to zoom in. We hope to see you then.

The Zoom address

is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89754364054?pwd=S3FPUXBzWVZQRXBWL0dkd2s2aXp6Zz09>

For those of you who do not have internet connections, you may join by phone by calling 1 301 715 8592 pause #897 5436 4054

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 3:00 PM, ROCK LAKE WILL BE HAVING A HARVEST CELEBRATION

It will be held outside on the lawn in front of the breezeway. This celebration will give us an opportunity to see each other and still remain safe. The seats will be social distanced and masks are required. There will be special music and Pastor Musgrave will share a few words with us. If it looks like rain (or it is raining that day), the celebration will be postponed until the next Sunday, October 25th. We hope you will join us and enjoy our time together. We will be setting up seating and would like for you to advise us as to how many seats you would like for your family. Light refreshments will also be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy at the church office 304-768-4141.

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.



Bluestone Camp Fundraiser

It's been a hard year for camps all across the country, and Bluestone Camp & Retreat is no exception. The Friends of Bluestone are working hard to create income to maintain the camp this year, and you can help! They have joined efforts with SaveAround Coupon Books for a win-win fundraiser -- you pay \$20 for a coupon book (good now through the end of 2021) and half goes to Bluestone. After you use 3-5 coupons, you've paid yourself back that \$20 investment, and from there on it's pure savings -- and you have the pleasure of knowing you also provided needed capital for Bluestone! What's not to love about that?

Best of all, individual books are available for Charleston and Huntington (including the areas between) and another 110 cities in 38 states. These books make great gifts for out-of-town friends, family, and, of course, Bluestone fans and supporters who no longer live close by. SaveAround Coupon Books have hundreds of valuable coupons for local businesses, including restaurants, services, retail, entertainment, recreation, and an additional 100 coupons for national chains, all worth more than \$5,000 in savings. Included in the cost is a downloadable app for smartphones, so you can redeem coupons with your phone rather than carry the book with you. In keeping with COVID concerns, restaurants are honoring coupons for take-out and curbside pickup as well as dine-in where that's available. Preview the Charleston, Huntington, or any other city books at www.SAPayNow.com/212394

Simply visit the link, select a state and a city, and preview the savings. Buying the books is easy: just fill in the requested information, including the seller or Scott Hamilton, wshamilton@yahoo.com. Want more than one? If for the same location, select number from the dropdown box. If for a different city, select "Add another book". They will all be sent to the same address. Choose "Ship book(s) - FREE SHIPPING" and you'll receive them sooner.

Ordering for out-of-town friends or relatives? Just fill in each of their addresses in additional orders. It's all contactless this year -- a simple process during the COVID pandemic.

Would you like to be a hands-on seller? Please contact Scott Hamilton at wshamilton@yahoo.com or 304 746-5457 H. He will get a book with an order form to you to record your sales. For every five books you sell, you'll get a free book for your family.

Sales run through the end of October. We encourage you to share this information with families, friends, and neighbors using social media, email, or in person (socially distanced). If they're not comfortable ordering online, just record their purchases on the order form and collect payment from them before placing the order. If they order online, Scott will update you about your sales.

We hope you'll help Bluestone with this fundraising effort by being an official seller for our congregation or friends and coworkers. If selling isn't your choice, we think buying a book for yourself and/or others as gifts is an awesome way to support this crucial and beloved camp during this challenging year!

Prayer List

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

We wish to send prayers to the people in California and the Western U.S. Region affected by the wildfires. We also send prayers to all the people who are and will be affected by Hurricane Delta. And prayers for the President and his family and staff as they deal with their coronavirus situation.

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Merrily Bailey	Scott and Susan Hamilton*	Joy Ratcliff
Emily Baker	Brad Harkins	Jeff Rinehart*
Jack Binning*	Addilyn Hardin	Robin Rinehart*
Day and Gene Bishop	Tre' Hardin	Sarah Shaver
Jo and Dick Clark*	Juanita Hefner	Bill Wagner
Mary Anne Estill	Jim Johnson	Family of Tim Obukowicz
Tory Fenniger	Derek Lathey	on the occasion of his
Lee Ann Goff	Cheryl Morgan	death*
Bogan "Danny" Gumowski	John Oakes*	
Margie Gumowski	Ruth Pritchard	

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; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

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

*Added to Prayer List this week

Prayers for Pollen8 in their ministry for drug addiction.

Prayer List for Churches - Belington Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Charleston; Kiamutiga Church (Kay-ah-MOOT'ee-gah); Thegene Parish (They-GEN'gay)