

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 71 years of "Shining Christ's Light"

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Welcome to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church.
We are happy to have you worship with us.

Here are a few tips to help you participate:

"*" Invites all who are able to stand.

Bold type invites reading or singing by the congregation.

Italic type invites silent reading by the congregation.

Large print hymns are available. See usher for information.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10th Sunday of Pentecost

August 1, 2021

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE:

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Arr. David Lasky

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Bread of Life has come among us.

What is this Bread of Life?

It is none other than Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son!

We hunger for the true bread that will nourish our souls.

Some, then, to Christ who feeds us with his very life!

We come, needing sustenance and nurturing. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #402

"How Lovely, Lord"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Along life's pathways, we search continually for signs to point us in positive directions. Christ has given us a sign which points us to healing and hope; that is the sign of the Bread of Life. No more shall we hunger and thirst after the things which cannot sustain us. Now we have been fed and nourished by Christ! Open our hearts in gratitude, Lord, for all the wondrous things you have done for us. Open our spirits to hear your words of hope for us today. Amen.

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION:

In the daily grind of life, we are so often taught to climb the ladder of success by stepping on each other, focusing only on our own wants and needs. Even as children on a carousel, we were taught to grab the golden ring, and it would fulfill our dreams of glory and wealth. Forgive our stupidity, Lord. It is your Son Jesus Christ who leads us in the ways of happiness and peace, sustaining us with his life-giving bread. Nurture us again, Lord, with this Bread of Life, that we may truly focus on the ministries and mission you have set before us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

(A moment of personal reflection)

And all of God's people said, **Amen**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE *(singing)* #437

"You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"

Listening to the Word

DUET

"God Will Provide"
Taylor Bailey and Pam Ferrell

Mark Patterson

*The time has come to journey on and go where God leads me.
And though the road may seem too long, I know God's love will keep me.
God will provide strength for the journey, bread for the morning and shelter for the night.
God will provide hope for the weary. God will sustain me all the days of my life.*

*I may not know how the road will turn or where God will send me.
So by faith I'll trust, and with grace I'll learn, God's mighty hand will defend me.
God will provide...*

*I may not see all the things that are waiting just ahead,
But I know God's watching over me and in God's strength I'll stand.
God will provide...*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of
eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 12:9-14

NRSV

⁹ He left that place and entered their synagogue; ¹⁰ a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. ¹¹ He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? ¹² How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." ¹³ Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

*This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

I Kings 18:18-22

NRSV

¹⁸ He answered, "I have not troubled Israel; but you have, and your father's house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now therefore have all Israel assemble for me at Mount Carmel, with the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." ²⁰ So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. ²¹ Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The people did not answer him a word. ²² Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets number four hundred fifty.

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SERMON

"Speaking God's Truth in the Midst of Adversity"

Rev. Sharon Gearing

Responding to God

*HYMN

"God Is My Strong Salvation"

Tune: LANCASHIRE

God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?
In peril and temptation my light, my help, is near.
Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance; my soul, with courage wait;
God's truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate.
God's might thy heart shall strengthen; God's love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.

James Montgomery, 1822. Public Domain

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/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.

*HYMN #516

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Verses 1, 2, 3

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them to our God.

All glory and honor are yours, Almighty creator. We praise you for forming this magnificent world from nothing, for creating us in your image, breathing life into us and placing us in this world.

As a parent you gather us to you, teaching us how to live in your love.

When we turned away from your way, you sent the prophets to call us back.
You have called leaders in every time to bring us back into your loving embrace.
In Jesus you came to live among us. On earth he was living bread to feed our hunger, and living water to quench our thirst for you. He showed us how you want us to live: eating with sinners, healing the sick, reaching out to the unloved.

He called followers to learn his way and to carry your Word to the world.
He suffered persecution, torture and death, but then he rose to new life that we might know your eternal love and hope.

Merciful God, by your Spirit, bless us and make us holy. Be present in your gifts of wine and bread so that we are all united with each other and with you. In communion with all the faithful in heaven and on earth, fulfill in us and in all creation the purpose of your redeeming love. Amen.

Words of Institution
Communion
Prayer

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #516

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”
Verse 4

*WORDS OF DISMISSAL

...Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE

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Church Notes

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today, August 1.

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION

If you would like to share a Joy or Concern, we would like to hear it. In order to hear it, please raise your hand, and a microphone will be brought to you.

USHER

We would like to thank our Usher this Sunday, Taylor Bailey.

LITURGIST

We welcome Don Broyles as the Liturgist this week.

LITURGISTS NEEDED

Now that we have returned to in-person worship, we need to re-populate our liturgist rotation list. If you are able to serve in worship this way, we have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

RLPC'S RETURN TO IN PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES

The Session has approved the worship committee's recommendation that beginning July 4th those

people who are *fully* vaccinated (*two weeks past final dose*) do not have to wear masks if they are comfortable not wearing a mask. We *strongly* recommend that people not vaccinated continue to wear a mask. **Just a reminder about masks, we do not wear them to protect ourselves - we wear them to protect others.** All other in-person worship protocols will remain in place and will be reviewed at the July session meeting.

We plan to continue streaming our worship through YouTube and Facebook for those unable to attend in person.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

A restroom is located in the parlor across from the sanctuary. It is handicap accessible. Additional restrooms are located downstairs and near the nursery.

A water fountain is available downstairs or cups of water are available in the parlor.

Prayer List

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

Prayers of Joy

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Merrily Bailey	Willie Haynes	Michelle Smith
Day and Gene Bishop	Juanita Hefner	Susan Spurgeon
Jennifer Fisher Braden	Amy Jo Hickey	Ike Taylor
Keyleigh Carruthers	Carol Hill	Lauren Thomas
Erin "Nikki" Childers	Joe Layne	Bill Wagner*
Barbara Clark	Betty Oakes	Mary Wagner*
Tory Fenniger	Marcia Obukowicz	Ellie Grace Washington
Bogan "Danny" Gumowski	Jackie Pauley	
Jordan Hamill	Joy Ratcliff	Family of Hal DeWald on the
Addilyn Hardin	Chris Rogillio	occasion of his death*
Tre' Hardin	Ron Rogillio	
Brad Harkins	Carol Shumate	

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; Reva Asbury, Kanawha City; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit

Prayers for those at home - Jeanette Bates, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Fayetteville Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg; Gitero Church (Gay-TAY'roh); Rware Parish (Roh-ARE'ray)

*Added to Prayer List this week