

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**4th Sunday in the Season of Pentecost**  
**June 28, 2020**

**Gathering**

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" Arr. Lloyd Larson  
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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATE Layne Gumowski

\*OPENING HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

**Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.**

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 13

I trust in your steadfast love, O God; my heart rejoices in  
your salvation.

**I will sing praises unto you, O Lord,  
because you have dealt bountifully with me.**

Let us worship God!

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous Judge and Benevolent Ruler, hear us as we confess our sin. We are prone to punish those who offend us. We hasten to harm the image of those with whom we disagree. In the midst of diversity, we are quick to determine who shall be saved or condemned while claiming that you alone discern all goodness and truth. Help us to hear again how Christ died to save all of humanity, and hinder our efforts to decide who will enter your kingdom.**

*Sing:* **Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives they service find, in deeper reverence, praise.**

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

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## ***Listening to the Word***

HYMN

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,  
Amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.**

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE

Romans 6:12-23 (CEB)

<sup>12</sup> So then, don't let sin rule your body, so that you do what it wants. <sup>13</sup> Don't offer parts of your body to sin, to be used as weapons to do wrong. Instead, present yourselves to God as people who have been brought back to life from the dead, and offer all the parts of your body to God to be used as weapons to do right. <sup>14</sup> Sin will have no power over you, because you aren't under Law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> Now what? Should we sin because we aren't under Law but under grace? Absolutely not! <sup>16</sup> Don't you know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, that you are slaves of the one whom you obey? That's true whether you serve as slaves of sin, which leads to death, or as slaves of the kind of obedience that leads to

righteousness. <sup>17</sup> But thank God that although you used to be slaves of sin, you gave wholehearted obedience to the teaching that was handed down to you, which provides a pattern. <sup>18</sup> Now that you have been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> (I'm speaking with ordinary metaphors because of your limitations.) Once, you offered the parts of your body to be used as slaves to impurity and to lawless behavior that leads to still more lawless behavior. Now, you should present the parts of your body as slaves to righteousness, which makes your lives holy. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What consequences did you get from doing things that you are now ashamed of? The outcome of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have the consequence of a holy life, and the outcome is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> The wages that sin pays are death, but God's gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 22:1-14 (CEB)

After these events, God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" Abraham answered, "I'm here." <sup>2</sup> God said, "Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you." <sup>3</sup> Abraham got up early in the morning, harnessed his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, together with his son Isaac. He split the wood for the entirely burned offering, set out, and went to the place God had described to him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance. <sup>5</sup> Abraham said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will walk up there, worship, and then come back to you." <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood for the entirely burned offering and laid it on his son Isaac. He took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father?" Abraham said, "I'm here, my son." Isaac said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "The lamb for the entirely burned offering? God will provide it, my son." The two of them walked on together. <sup>9</sup> They arrived at the place God had described to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. <sup>11</sup> But the LORD's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven, "Abraham? Abraham?" Abraham said, "I'm here." <sup>12</sup> The messenger said, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, and don't do anything to him. I now know that you revere God and didn't hold back your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the dense underbrush. Abraham went over, took the ram, and offered it as an entirely burned offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> Abraham

named that place “the LORD sees.” That is the reason people today say, “On this mountain the LORD is seen.”

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Who pulls your chain?”

Jim Musgrave

## ***Responding to God***

\*AFFIRMATION

Adapted from a Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. . We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*HYMN

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Tune: CHILDREN PRAYING

*Repeat after soloist*

**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

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PASTORAL PRAYER/ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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 Serve

## BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mind forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him,  
saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

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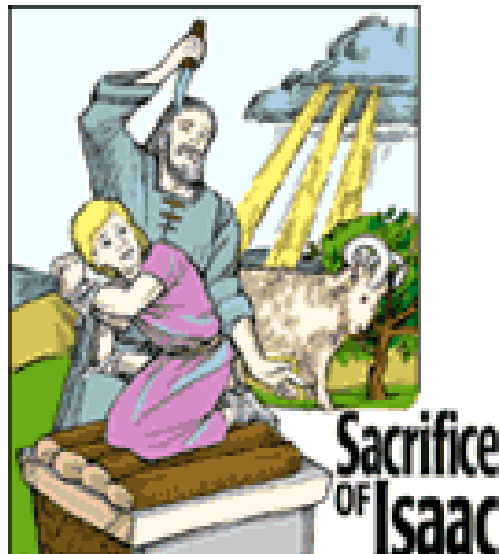
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

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## ***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](http://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.

### **2020 PEARL INGHAM APPLICATIONS**



Applications for the 2020 Pearl Inghram Scholarship are now available. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must have graduated from high school by spring/summer of 2020 or in a previous year. Applicants must also be enrolled in college, trade school, or other post high school professional training program for the fall of 2020. Completed applications must be in the church office by 1 PM, July 1. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision by email on or before July 20. A check will be mailed directly to the applicant awarded the scholarship no later than August 21. APPLICATION FORMS can be requested by calling the church office at 304 768-4141 weekday mornings or by emailing [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com)."

### ***Nurture Time***

**June 28: Read Psalm 13** Psalm 13 is a psalm of lament in which the psalmist feels forgotten by God and calls upon God to answer their cry. As is common in psalms of lament, the psalmist also affirms God's presence and love. In the psalmist's cry, we are reminded that we can bring our whole selves and all of our emotions to God, who knows what we're thinking and feeling before we even speak. Thank God for God's love that surrounds your every moment.

## **Prayer List**

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

### **Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families**

Hilda Alsop's cousin,	Mary Jane Hamrick	Ruth Pritchard
Bonnie Leslie	Brad Harkins	Joy Ratcliff
Merrily Bailey	Addilyn Hardin	Sarah Shaver
Niall Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Mary Anne Smith
Sgt. Major Jeff Bibb	Juanita Hefner	Mike Spurgeon
Day Bishop	Jim Johnson	Susan Spurgeon
Dick Clark	Mark King	Gregory Stonestreet
Jo Clark	Derek Lathey and his family	Linda Taylor
Sue DeWald	Chuck Lathom	Bill Wagner
Lee Ann Goff	Cheryl Laws	Ella Grace Washington
Mary Graham	Michael Meador DDS	Jo Wilson
Bogan "Danny" Gumowski	Cheryl Morgan	
Margie Gumowski	Jackie Pauley	

Prayers for our nation and our world through this time of uncertainty due to the Corona virus outbreak. 40,000 deaths a year from gun violence; global climate change; those who are struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters; all those who have lost someone to a drug overdose; all who struggle physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially or in their relationships; freedom and peace throughout the world; refugees and refugee families; all those whose lives are affected by violence wherever it occurs; Friends of Bluestone Camp and conference center's financial challenge.

### **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, Anne Copper, Bonnie Cheely, Sam Ford, Anita McCormick, Anita Wehrmann

**Prayer List for Churches** –Baxter Presbyterian Church, Dunmore; Frankford Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Weston; Kigwandi Church (Kay-GWAH'dee); Riamukurwe Parish (RAY-eh-moh-KOH'ROHeh)

