

Community Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 8/30/20

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Quote/Prayer for Meditation: “Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.” - Psalm 26:2-3

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

Announcements: Rev. Chris Scrivens

Prelude: “Beautiful” by Dennis Cleveland

Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship:

O God, author and giver of all good things,
plant in our hearts the love of your name;
increase in us true religion;

nourish us with all goodness;
and bring forth in us the fruit of good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

Opening Hymn: #826, "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, brethen, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. [Refrain]

4 Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. [Refrain]

5 For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne. [Refrain]

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we name You as Emmanuel - ever-present, God with us. And yet we fail to recognize You in our daily lives: Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to give courageously. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we assume we are stuck. O Lord, we seek your mercy; Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in Your image and likeness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Lessons:

First Testament: Exodus 3:1-15

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Exodus 3:1-15

“Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Matthew 16:21-28

"From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter

took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.””

[Sermon: “Was, Is, and Will Be”](#)

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Hymn #220, “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter’s power;
your Redeemer’s conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall;
view the Lord of life arraigned;

O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn from him to bear the cross.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb
where they laid his breathless clay:
all is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Responding to the Word

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Offertory: "Christ In Me" by Gary Garcia

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the 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,
now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: #331, "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty
Hand"

1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.

Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Benediction: Rev Chris Scrivens

Postlude: "Lord, I Will" by Brent chambers