

Woodbury United Methodist Church

July 26, 2020

8th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Down to the River to Pray* Alison Krauss
Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate Keeler

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 105
(Responsorial Psalm for the 8th Sunday after Pentecost)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done. Praise the Lord!

HYMN *To God Be the Glory* Crosby/Doane

OPENING PRAYER (unison) led by Rod Carnes, Liturgist
based on Romans 8
adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*

Holy One, we come before you with sighs too deep for words. We come with hearts troubled – by the world, by personal relationships, and by inward struggles. We come to praise your name and to be reassured of your unending grace. In this time and place, open our hearts to your presence. Open our ears to your word proclaimed. Open our hands to serve you and the world. May our lives reflect Christ, who walks with us and gives us life. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME led by Kate Keeler

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS led by Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER led by Rod Carnes

SCRIPTURE READING read by Rod Carnes

Romans 8:26-39
Epistle Lesson for the 8th Sunday after Pentecost
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SONG OF PREPARATION	<i>In Your Midst</i>	Allie Paige
SERMON	<i>More Than Conquerors</i>	Rev. Thomason
MOMENT OF REFLECTION		
THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS		
OFFERTORY	<i>Safe</i>	Antoine Bradford
BENEDICTION		Rev. Thomason
POSTLUDE	<i>Smile</i>	The Sidewalk Prophets McDonald, Frey, Bronleewe, Ellis