

Order of Worship for Sunday, July 19, 2020  
Pentecost 7A

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

- Laura Best, July 19
- Ellen Best, July 21
- Randy Hamilton, July 25

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

- July 20 – Barb & Randy Hamilton
- July 25 – Kathy & Dave Olin

Please feel free to email [prayer joys and concerns](mailto:prayerjoysandconcerns@myhansel.com) to Rev. Marie at [myhansel@yahoo.com](mailto:myhansel@yahoo.com) and they will be shared with the congregation as a whole so we may continue to support one another. If you wish to share a prayer concern only with Rev. Marie that request will be honored.

Rev. Marie is offering a one hour time of scripture, devotion, fellowship and prayer each [Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.](#) The link to access the “meeting” and password will be emailed on Monday evening.

**PRELUDE** Pachelel Canon

<https://vimeo.com/96963904>

*Based on Psalm 139*

We've come to worship God,  
Who loved us before we were yet born,  
Who knows us even better than we know ourselves,  
Whose presence never leaves us,  
And whose love for us never ceases.  
This is our God. Let us worship together!

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather virtually in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN** "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

*Click on this link if you would like music to sing along.*

**(WHEN YOU ARE READY, CLICK ON THE BACK ARROW TO RETURN TO THE WORSHIP GUIDE.)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ScO7IIMdRE>

**Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia!  
Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!  
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!  
All that see and share God's love, Alleluia!**

**Earth to Heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia!  
Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia!  
Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia!  
Praise God, praise forevermore! Alleluia!**

**Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia!  
Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia!  
All that God for us has done, Alleluia!  
All God sends us through the Son, Alleluia!  
Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!  
In the concert bear your parts, Alleluia!  
All that breathe, your Lord adore, Alleluia!  
Praise Him, praise Him evermore! Alleluia!**

**\*CALL TO RECONCILIATION** <sup>3</sup> based on Romans 8:14-15

Sisters and brothers, all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we received a spirit of adoption. Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of the children who know how deeply they are loved.

**\*UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS** <sup>3</sup> based on Romans 8:12-25

**Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.**

**Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.**

*Silence is kept.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** <sup>3</sup> (Responsive)

Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven; and I need you to be about my business in the world.

**Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. Amen.**

**\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE “Gloria Patri”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBxpypSblw>

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE** (Responsive) (based on James 3)

Jesus came to bring peace among us. Let us sow the seeds for peace in our world by sharing the peace of Christ with one another, stranger and friend alike.

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Perhaps you could take some time today to send an email, make a phone call, send a card to someone who would appreciate knowing that they are not alone.*

## **ANTHEM “We Sing for the Children” sung by the Amadeus Chorale**

This song that was recorded at JCPC in February. This is the Amadeus Chorale of young people who originally intended to send this to the Ellen Show, (of course that’s off for now).

Tim Forster did the audio recording of the Chorale in our Sanctuary. Because of COVID the videos were done separately in each student’s house and then compiled and synched with Tim’s audio.

Darla Blair, the director, thought the church might like to see/hear what their project was all about. And they send their thanks to JCPC!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KgSJeJZ\\_MQHxGUe9YO0s3V51ftVhvcEJ/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KgSJeJZ_MQHxGUe9YO0s3V51ftVhvcEJ/view)

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**<sup>3</sup> (Unison)

**Holy One, you love with a father’s tenderness, a mother’s zeal. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, the burdens we carry, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love, for we long to join creation’s praise and to shine with the mercy of the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## **MATTHEW 13:24-30**

<sup>24</sup>He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup>He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

SERMON

“On Being Wheat”

Rev. Courtney Allen Crump

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<https://vimeo.com/436912599>

## **THE 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.

## **\*HYMN "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

<https://vimeo.com/422527462>

**Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.**

## **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We, the followers of Jesus, strive to share the Good News of God's love and forgiveness offered to all.

We reach out to God through worship, music, praise, prayer and study.

We reach out to one another by sharing fellowship, and sharing in times of challenge and joy.

We reach out to our community and around the world by participating in local and global ministries that feed the hungry, encourage the downtrodden, and comfort and provide for those in need.

In Faith, we follow Christ's redeeming ministry.

In Love led by the Spirit, we help and serve those in need.

With Hope for the coming Kingdom of God, we are blessed by God to be a blessing to others.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**<sup>3</sup> (Responsive)

*When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit...  
Romans 8:16*

*We do not know how to pray as we ought."  
"The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words."*

*Holy God, take our poor attempts to pray and mix them with your immeasurable love.  
Remodel them and lift them up into your eternal bosom.*

Prayer joys and concerns for this week.

- For Linda Cummings' husband Bill as he recovers from hip surgery.
- For Carl Dellefave who will have surgery for prostate cancer.
- For Judy Finch who was moved to St. John's and is now in hospice care.
- Prayer request from Gayle Stever: My son Scott's lifetime best friend, Jeremiah, in Arizona. He called me 2 days ago to tell me that his grandmother had died of COVID. He has always been very close with his grandparents and she was the last one (84 years old). Then today we found out that the 2 uncles and Jeremiah's mother (Maria) were taking care of grandma and are all positive now as well. So far Jeremiah is NOT positive but he is there having to take care of his mother (he lives with her). I would very much appreciate prayers for all of them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Creator, Sower of life, you know the complicated histories that have carried us to this moment. You know the names of all our generations, for you are there in each story of falling away and turning home, in our long years of wandering, and in the shining moments when we recognize your presence and find the grace to worship you. You are no stranger to the striving or the listlessness of humanity.

Incarnate One, all of creation is groaning, and so we dare to ask that you would come to us; be born again in this place. In the midst of our boredom, our self-congratulations, our closeted vision, startle us with the tearing, the cry, the first breath of life that will not be restrained. Strengthen us in the fruits of your Spirit, and teach us to pray:

We pray for all who flee from pasts by which they are haunted. We lift up all who feel abandoned by a future for which they had hoped. We plead for all who do not know that they are loved and chosen. We intercede for our own divided souls.

Help us to trust that you are at work in every mingled heart, every conflicted community. Nourish the life you plant within us, that we might keep seeding the world with your truth and your grace.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (sins)

**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 sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **PRESENTING OUR LIVES AND OUR OFFERINGS** <sup>1</sup>

God blesses us that we might carry that blessing into the world. Let us give with grateful hearts.

*Please mail your offering to the address below each week to support the ministry of the church.*

*John Calvin Presbyterian Church  
Attn: Financial Secretary  
P.O. Box 103, Henrietta, NY 14467*

## **\*RESPONSE #34 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

<https://vimeo.com/404078427>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** <sup>3</sup> (Unison)

**God of mystery and grace, you have met us and blessed us with such abundant promise.  
In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts and our pockets. As we bring these  
worn and freighted offerings, we pray that you would use us, for we come in the name of  
Jesus and by the movement of your Spirit in this place. Amen.**

## **\*HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIIAJHoO1FA>

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing: Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace,  
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the truth may we be found.**

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**<sup>1</sup> (Responsive)

As you move on into the week ahead, with whatever joys and challenges it holds, do not be discouraged or disheartened. Remember the glory that awaits you as a child of God. Hold on to that truth; live in that hope.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you now and abide with you always. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

<https://vimeo.com/422242465>

### **Morning Prayer**<sup>3</sup>

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Living Word, shine on this day. Quicken my steps and open my ears that I might approach each neighbor with an expectant heart. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer**<sup>3</sup>

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Beacon of truth, I entrust to you now the day that has been: the tasks accomplished and tasks overlooked; the friends acknowledged and the friends ignored; the silence kept and the silence squandered.

In your mercy, mend these tattered offerings. Grant me the gift of rest this night and good companions on the morrow, as you speak me further down the path toward home. Amen.

<sup>1</sup>*Lectionary Liturgies, Liturgy with communion () Thom Shuman*

<sup>2</sup>*Book of Common Worship for the Presbyterian Church USA, Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 1993*

<sup>3</sup>*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion-Liturgies for Year A – Volume 2, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long; Westminster John Knox Press*