

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Worship in the Woods. We are glad you have joined us for the special worship service today. The Lord in his great mercy has called us together as a community of believers to have fellowship with him and with one another. We are pleased to share in that fellowship together with you.

Attendance July 28, 2019

Worship Attendance 85

Adult Bible Class 15

Today

Greeters: Kip & Teresa Oakley and Laura Paluch

Acolytes: Will Schlueter & Eli Thrush

Ushers: Mike Picklesimer, John Wolff, Rick Agner & Don Bouic

Next Week

Greeters: Kati Kull and Kay & Dick Peterman

Acolytes: Abigail & Josh Underhill

Ushers: Rob Bouic, Dave Karkan, Darrel Breneman, & Bernard Burns

Offering Report July 28, 2019

Loose \$ 107.25

Envelopes \$ 2750.00

Total \$ 2857.25

Fairbanks Lease Payment \$ 5,500.00

Altar Flowers: The Altar flowers today are placed by Dave and Kathy Picklesimer with praises and thanks to God for the many blessing to all.

This Week at St. Paul:

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Elders Meeting

Wednesday: 6:00 am Men's Study Group (Gathering Room)

Next Sunday: 11:00 am Gym Reserved

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee will be meeting on August 14th at 7:00 pm to start working on a ballot for the October Voters Meeting. *As members, please consider how you may serve our congregation.* Those on the nominating committee are Tim Underhill, Dennis Headings, Jeff Boyd, Sue Ann Dillahun, Bunny Boerger, Tim Bosley and Mark Dillahun.

Food For Thought: Luke 12:15 – “And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’ ” Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold – thankfulness to God and generosity toward God’s purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

GriefShare begins August 15, 2019 at a NEW location: The fall session of GriefShare begins on Thursday evenings (Aug. 15 – Nov. 14) from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in a **NEW** location **at the Plain City Presbyterian Church, 231 East Main Street, Plain City, OH 43064**. Anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one is welcome to attend any of the GriefShare sessions. Each session is “self-contained,” so you do not have to attend in sequence. The 1st session, titled “Is This Normal?” introduces participants to GriefShare and explains why their grief experience is harder than they imagined, why the intensity and duration of their emotions are normal and appropriate, and despite how they feel right now, there is reason for hope. Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar, small group discussion, and workbook study. There is a \$15 suggested donation, which covers the cost of the workbook. To register, please call Deaconess Janet at **614-561-7411**.

Service of Prayer and Preaching

861 Christ Be My Leader

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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Stand

Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** **Teach me Your paths.**
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** **Your Word is truth.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

**“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.”**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

²Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with | singing!

³Know that the LORD, | he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

⁵For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*

and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Sit

Old Testament Reading*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my

heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:1–11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with

its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Stand

Ten Commandments

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
- Honor your father and your mother.**
- You shall not murder.**
- You shall not commit adultery.**
- You shall not steal.**
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the
dead.**

**He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Sit

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. Refrain

3 In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. Refrain

△ 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

L O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

☐ Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.
Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.
Death has no more dominion over Him.
Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.
Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.
Living, He lives to God.
Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus,
our Lord.
Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessing

☐ Let us bless the Lord.
☐ Thanks be to God.
☐ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
☐ Amen.

554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful!
O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable,
In whom all joys are found:
- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs,
Then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesus, light of all below,
The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name,
Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame
To seek You more and more!
- 5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless,
May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express
The image of Your own!

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