

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

THE GATHERING

(11 a.m.) **WELCOME**

INTROIT

I Was Glad

C. H. H. Parry

(9 a.m.) **WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

(11 a.m.) **PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE**

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

***HYMN 327**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

DUKE STREET

**From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.**

**In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong;
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.**

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Read in unison)*

Loving God, we make so many mistakes. We speak, and too often unkind words come from our mouths. We sow division, break others down and seek to dominate rather than dialogue. Forgive us, God. Tame our tongues of fire. Guide us in our speech, so instead of tearing down, our words can bless and build up.

(Time for silent prayer)

(11 a.m.) ***KYRIE**

Take, O Take Us As We Are

John Bell, adapted

Take, O Take us as we are; sum - mon out what we should be;

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set your seal up - on our hearts and set us free.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

**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.**

(11 a.m.) *THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders will be dismissed through the side door for childcare and activities.

THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 19:1-10, 14

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 3:1-12

SERMON

"A World Within a Word"

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Phil. 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please also see the information about ways to give on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin. You are invited to pass the Friendship pad found at the end of the pew.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Kyrie (2003)

René Clausen

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison (*Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy*)
Grant us peace! Adonai! (*Lord*) Amen.

*DOXOLOGY 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SHARING GRACE

(11 a.m.) **CALL TO PRAYER**

Prayer for Peace (2002)

Michael Helman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

CANONBURY

*BLESSING

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in D-major, BWV 532a

J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

IN WORSHIP TODAY

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS for today are given in memory of Courtney, loving daughter of Cheryl Cooper and Walter Crutcher.

USHERS

9 a.m. - Tom Tyrrell and Margaret Cregor-Radford

11 a.m. - Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Pamela Ford, Sandy Bailey, Sallye Pence

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preaching; Rev. Jordan Akin and Lorie Williamson, liturgists;
Elder Sandy Bailey, lay reader.

The Octet (9 a.m.); Sanctuary Choir (11 a.m.); Austin Memorial Handbells (11 a.m.); Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organ

Austin Memorial Handbells: *Bonnie Boram, Ricky Case, Elizabeth Clay, Kitty deVoogd, Steve Farris, Karen Hadley, Jean Herp, Diana Jester, Becca Ruark*

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ABOUT THE MUSIC TODAY

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands ... They have no speech, they use no words; Yet their voice goes out into all the earth ... (from Psalm 19)

The skies over our nation twenty years ago seemed not to declare the works of God, but the fear of humanity and the cries over senseless violence. Our music today calls us to recognize our trust in the glory of God in the hymn *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*, a paen of praise to our Creator, to trusting in the provision of God in the beautiful setting of Psalm 126, *I Was Glad* ("O pray for the peace of Jerusalem..."). The Choir sings Rene Clausen's moving cry for mercy, *Kyrie*, written in 2003 in response to the events on 9/11, which carries the powerful Lord, have mercy and reverent devotion to Adonai (Lord). Our Austin Handbells present *Prayer for Peace* composed by Michael Holman in a deeply personal piece representing the horror of the attacks twenty years ago, and a longing for peace. He writes, "*What could I do to help? What could I do for all those families who lost loved ones, not only in New York, but at the Pentagon, and the air crash in Pennsylvania? ... I set pen to paper and poured out all my feelings and prayers... The four opening chords of the piece represent the four planes that crashed that day. The chords include all twelve tones of the chromatic scale to symbolize the effect that terrorism has on everyone ... My hope is that this composition can be a prayer for an end to terrorism and for peace through the world.*" **In your mercy, Lord, may it be.**

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

The family of the Rev. Alan Sorem on his death, 9/7/2021.

Lisa Shishmanian and her family on the death of her father Ralph Harbold, Jr. 8/26/21.

Melinda Mast and her family on the death of her brother, David, 8/28/21.

R. Gregory Treitz, John G. Treitz, Jean Lee Treitz, their families, and friends on the death of
Jean Treitz, 8/16/21.

Becky Shaw and her family on the death of her brother, Judd Shaw, 8/4/2021.

Current Protocol:

The church's Re-opening Task Group, consistent with CDC and Presbytery advice, emphasizes that regardless of vaccination status, wearing masks while gathering inside the building is strongly encouraged. All individuals are strongly encouraged to mask for their own protection and as an additional layer of protection for those around them. Masks are required in the Weekday School spaces. The Task Group, composed of active elders, at-large members, and members of the church staff, will continue to monitor the situation and meet regularly to recommend any necessary changes.

CHILDCARE:

Childcare is available in room 117 for children ages 5 and under during 9:00 Worship and for children ages 3 and under for the 11:00 Worship. Room 117 is located in Hilbert Hall, adjacent to the Weekday School Atrium, entrance #1 or #9.

Childcare during adult Sunday School classes is available beginning at 9:30 for Preschool-aged children and under in room 117. Childcare for elementary-aged children will take place in the Great Hall(gym).

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of September 12, 2021

Mission of the Month: Join us in supporting Haiti by giving to either Women's Global Cancer Alliance (WGCA) or Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church with either "WGCA Test Kit" or "PDA-Haiti" in the memo field.

2PK on Sundays starts this Sunday, 9/12! Children ages 3 by 8/1 through 4th grade are welcomed to begin the morning in 11:00 Worship where they will be dismissed to activities after the Preschool and 4th grade Bible presentations.

Youth Worship Arts begins today!! Each Sunday at **12 pm.** in the Youth Suite, all youth 6th grade and up are invited to discover their gifts for leading worship through the arts: music (instrumental, vocal), drama, and movement. Schedule: 12:00 - Light lunch and gathering time. 12:15-1:15 - Worship Arts Groups (a cycle of different arts). Throughout the year we will be involved in our 11 a.m. Service, and a mission tour will be planned for the Spring. Registration links are available in 2PY. Questions? Email Jim at jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org.

Wednesdays Together Returns: September 15–November 17, 5–7 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5–6 p.m. in the Great Hall. There will be an interactive and conversational Bible Study for adults taught by Pastor Steve and Pastor Jordan, 6–7 p.m. Music and Vocal education for ages 3 through 5th grade will begin at 5:30 p.m. with childcare or activities to follow. Reservations are needed by noon on Monday of each week for the meals.. Contact Virginia at vfortner@2ndpreslou.org to make a reservation. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person with a \$15 family cap for the meal.

Children's Choirs Are Back! As part of Wednesdays Together beginning September 15, our children will gather for music and vocal education at 5:30 p.m.. Our Cherub/Caroler Choir for ages 3 through Kindergarten will be led by Krista Heckmann and Laura Atkinson. The Chapel Choir for those in 1st through 5th grades will be led by Christina Recktenwald and Ricky Case. A registration link has been sent out and will be in the 2PK newsletter each week. **Please register by September 13.**

Parents Night Out will take place on Sat. 9/18 from 5:00-8:30. Children birth – 5th grade are welcome to attend. Please contact Amy Heckmann at aheckmann@2ndpreslou.org to register your child.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and
Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's
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Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant
Virginia Fortner, Formation and Worship Assistant
Keith DeCosta, Sexton

Samuel Libra, DMA, Communications Assistant
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Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
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