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The Celebration of Worship Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 21, 2018

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.



We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:24

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Paula Legge, organ

Don Hustad

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

By Faith
(See insert)

Stuart Townend

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Bill McCoy

*RESPONSE 695

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GINNA TAYLOR

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Jesus Christ, God of our mothers and fathers, You are a God Who acts in history. We confess that we get too busy with our own lives to perceive You at work in our time. Forgive us when we fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if You had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join You as You labor to bring new life on earth.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so we may greet each other by name.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Presbyterian Women

Nancy Martin

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Bill McCoy and Bob Moses

For Robert Brandt Titus, son of Gerald and Meredith Titus.

(Children may come forward for the baptism.)

Leader: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye;
I hide me, hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

People:

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of the eye: *Fine*
hide me, hide me in the sha - dow of Thy wings.

Leader:

Keep me,

People:

Keep me,

Leader:

I hide me;

People:

Hide me;

Welcome by congregation

Brandt, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church. As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Ginna Taylor

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.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*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.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill McCoy

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

If Thou Art Near

J. S. Bach

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ginna Taylor

Accept our gifts, O God, because we need to give. Use our gifts to the greatest good they can accomplish, here in our midst and far beyond our individual reach. We present them in thanksgiving for all You have given us, and in gratitude for the privilege of sharing in Your work, in Christ's name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray

*I will sing of God's mercy every day, every hour. He gives me power.
I will sing and give thanks to Him for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.
He is my God and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test.
Trust and never doubt. Jesus will surely bring you out. He never failed me yet!
I know God is able to deliver in time of storm. I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.
One day when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed.*

*Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
When I think of what my God can do—He delivered Daniel! I know He will deliver you!*

The Geneva Choir; Carole Carter, soloist

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	Psalm 91:9-16; Pew Bible, OT, p. 548	Payne Warner
EPISTLE LESSON	Hebrews 5:1-10; Pew Bible, NT, p. 220	
GOSPEL LESSON	John 11:17-44; Pew Bible, NT, p. 105	Bill McCoy
SERMON	WHAT GOD WANTS TO KNOW: Do You Believe This?	Bill McCoy
*CONCLUDING HYMN 442	Just As I Am, Without One Plea	WOODWORTH
*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION		Bill McCoy
*HYMN OF PARTING		HYMN 541
	<i>God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.</i>	
*POSTLUDE	The Church's One Foundation Paula Legge, organ	Steven Scott

We gather to worship,
We scatter to serve,
In the relentless love of Christ.

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In worship leadership last Sunday: We thank Raegan Elmore for chiming the Trinity and Skye McCain and Theron Raab for serving as acolytes during worship October 14.

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please accompany children.

Childcare: Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114

Elder visitation: David Campbell, Andy Ceperley, Joann Daley

The flowers in the sanctuary today remind us that a contribution has been given to the Hunger Fund for the glory of God by Barbara Brown in honor of Earle Brown in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary on October 20th and in gratitude to God for their five children and the wonderful years they have shared.

Greeters today: Diana Rustemeyer, Barb Gessner, Suzanne Meyer

We are thankful for the generous gifts given to the Recreation Gift and Memorial Fund.

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