

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service for Worship at Home – June 28, 2020

Prelude *Allow a moment to take a breath, and quiet your heart and mind before the Lord.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gives us birth by water and Holy Spirit, as we worship you this morning teach us how to live always in integrity of body, mind, and spirit, in obedience to your love, in the name of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

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Call to Worship from Psalm 130:1-6 *

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

Our soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

*Throughout the summer, as circumstances prevent us from gathering together, and in recognition of all that is going on in our nation and the world, each Sunday's Call to Worship will be from a psalm of lament; and each Sunday's Benediction will include a passage of hope and promise from that same psalm.

Hymn *Anxiety*

Confession Romans 6:12-19

"...so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification..."

Merciful God, our loyalties have been divided and we have taken your grace for granted. You seek us out, but we attempt to go our own way. You provide, but we hoard. You free us from enslavement to sin, but we neglect to be instruments of righteousness. You welcome us as we are, but we refuse to receive others in your name. Our hearts are anxious, though you offer your peace. Forgive what we have been, amend what we will be, awaken us to the new thing you are doing within and around us. Send your Spirit to shape us in ways that better reflect the one we claim to follow, Jesus Christ.

(personal confession)

*Prayer of Confession adapted from Rev. Jill Duffield, Presbyterian Outlook

Assurance and Peace

Romans 6:22-23

“But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Throughout this week, find ways to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children’s Message

Children’s worship materials and a guided discussion are provided to households with children via email each week. If you have children in your household, but have not received the children’s worship materials, please contact the church office.

Scripture

Genesis 22:1-14

Sermon*Provision and Grace...But At What Cost?***Hymn***For You, My God, I Wait***Offering**

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you can give them back to God in love and service to others.

We understand that these are uncertain and difficult times. But that is all the more reason that the work of the church continues. Please prayerfully continue to give your gifts to this ministry. You can take just a moment to give online through our website, or prepare a check to be mailed.

Prayer of Dedication and the Prayers of the People

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Loving God, you provide for us in countless and surprising ways. You give us the gift of creation, the community of the church, the love of friends and family. You surround us with the great cloud of witnesses to inspire and cheer us. The Spirit intercedes for us and Christ right now prays for us. Accept and bless these gifts we offer in thanksgiving, use them to show others your promised provision.

Lord God, we bow in prayer humbled by the reality that you want to spend time with us. You long to be in relationship with us. You receive us and care for us, no matter where we have been, what we have done or how often we have neglected your will. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, such grace beyond our comprehension. We rest in your compassionate presence, freed from sin and alive to the transformation you promise.

Awed by your mercy and kindness we seek to respond with bold faith. Strengthen our resolve to follow where Christ leads and obey his commandment to love. In a world overflowing with anger and division, send us to be ambassadors of reconciliation. In the wake of injustice and pain, use us as instruments of righteousness and healing. As creation groans for relief, make us bearers of hope and catalysts of life-giving change.

When our faith is tested and we do not feel up to the demands of discipleship, remind us that you provide. Help us to remember the ram in the thicket, the manna in the desert, the water from the rock and the feeding of the 5,000. Send your Holy Spirit to spark our imagination and embolden our witness so that none of your little ones are hungry or thirsty.

Free from sin and alive in Christ Jesus, we pray without reserve for those people and places, circumstances and situations that weigh on our hearts and minds this day...

We ask you to provide healing to the sick...

We look to you to ease the suffering of those hurting in body, mind and spirit...

We plead on behalf of the long oppressed and for those still waiting for justice...

We yearn for you to guide all of those in positions of leadership to make decisions that reflect your will...

We rest in your compassionate presence, freed from sin, alive and awaiting the transformation you promise.

And now, Lord, hear us as we lift up those whose names are known to us:

Lord look with tender care upon Elaine Garland who mourns the death of her husband and our dear friend and brother Bill and all those who mourn his death; We continue to pray for Jackie and Chuck, Betty's friends Maria, Charlene, and Theresa who are all having health complications, D.A's brother Bill recovering from a stroke, Peter and his family as they mourn the death of Peter's brother Tom, Jennifer as she recovers from knee surgery, Linda, Marsha and her mother and father, Linda; Elaine, Dot, Marilyn, Miriam, Fran and all

those at Madonna Manor, Chapel Hill, Highlands, Waterman Lake, Atria and other assisted living communities; and especially the Holiday Health and Rehab as many residents and staff there are bearing the weight of COVID-19 cases.

We pray for the recently adjourned national gathering of our denomination, the General Assembly, which met this past week. We give thanks for the work of all the commissioners, and our leadership and pray especially for our new moderators, the Rev. Gregory J. Bentley and Elder Elona Street-Stewart, and our stated clerk, Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II. We pray for the work and the discernment that was done, and that it may continue to be done calling and encouraging us to grow in our witness in the world to Jesus Christ, who is risen and who alone is Lord.

(Personal Prayers)

We make these prayers, and those that remain in the groaning of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through whom we boldly pray together...

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 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.

Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

Charge and Benediction

Psalm 130:7-8

O hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem!

It is he who will redeem from all iniquities!

Beloved, may the love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now, and forevermore. Amen.