

**CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**A Service for Worship at Home – July 12, 2020**

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

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Author of Life and the Living Word, we have stumbled through the week and groped our way to where we are now. Illumine the steps before us and write your word on our hearts, that we might carry the name of Jesus, and walk in the light of his love. **Amen.**

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**Call to Worship\***                                 Psalm 10:1, 12

Why, O LORD, do you stand far off?

**Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?**

Rise up, O LORD;

**O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the oppressed.**

\*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**   *The Right Hand of God*                                 (*Glory to God*, hymn #332)

**Confession**   Romans 8:6

*"To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."*

Lord, too often we speak without pausing to seek your wisdom. We assume our own goodness and fail to question our limited knowledge and understanding. We hurt others with our hasty, even if well intended, words and actions. We falsely believe our ways are your ways and condemn those who disagree with us. In this tumultuous time, turn us toward you. Remove the scales from our eyes and give us ears to hear your guidance. Do not let our need for earthly approval sway our commitment to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Forgive our failings. Take our faltering attempts at faithfulness and use them to lead us to your paths of righteousness.

*(personal confession)*

\*Prayer of Confession from Rev. Jill Duffield, Presbyterian Outlook,  
Order of Worship for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Assurance and Peace**

Romans 8:11

*“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.”*

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 25:19-34

**Sermon***Sneaky and Harry: A Family Story***Hymn***Amazing Grace**(The Presbyterian Hymnal, hymn #280)***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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Giver of life, we do not want the cares of the world and the lure of wealth to choke your word among us. As the sower casts seeds abundantly and hopefully, so we long to participate in the cultivation of the world. Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives. Send you cultivating Spirit to work among us until we yield and grow in grace.

Holy God, we were yours before we drew breath, and still we will be yours when the pulse of life ceases. In every fragile moment, whether rash and reckless, or over-planned – and anywhere in between – we belong to you. We thank you for our parents who gave us life. May the love we have received,

however full or lacking it may have been, spill gratitude from our hearts. And may the wounds we carry open our heart to the needs of others. May we recognize in you mercy the faithfulness that judges and redeems every human bond.

We lift to you now all that seems irreconcilable

in our families...  
 in our schools and workplaces...  
 in our nation...  
 in your church...  
 in your world...

We pray for those who are leaders in the spheres of life...

for our president and congress men and women...  
 for local elected officials...  
 for leaders in our communities...

And may we see ourselves as those who likewise are called to lead in your path. Teach us to act, and to tend the world you love:

to sow more than we reap,  
 to heal more than we wound,  
 to make room for others as you made room for us.

We pray for the poor, the sick, the troubled and anxious, the unsure and the all-too-sure. Be with our nation and the world continuing to navigate this continuing pandemic; especially those who make decisions, and those who work to heal and comfort. Continue to open our eyes to places of injustice, and our hearts to repentance.

And 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; Cynthia and her family mourning the deaths of her cousins Bob and Donna, and her Uncle John in hospice care, and Paul's mother at the Holiday with COVID-19; Roberta and her mother Maureen; we continue to pray for Jackie and Chuck, Betty's friends Maria, Charlene, and Theresa who are all having health complications, 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; We pray for Angela, reaching out online for prayers of health for her son in law Josh and his mother, both with cancer; we pray for their health and treatment, and for their families.

We continue to lift up 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.

And hear us as each of us lifts up the prayers echoing in our hearts...

*(Personal Prayers)*

Redeeming God, stake you claim upon us now, until we hear your gospel echo in each stranger's story and see your image reflected on every wounded face, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who unsettles our lives for the sake of your love; and who taught us to pray together with boldness

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**

*Be Thou My Vision*

*(Glory to God, hymn #450)*

**Charge and Benediction**

Psalm 10:14, 16-18

But you, LORD, do see! Indeed you note trouble and grief, that you may take it into your hands;

**The LORD is king forever and ever;**

O LORD, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart,  
**you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed...**

*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.*