

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service – August 8, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
11th Sunday after Pentecost/Ordinary Time
Year B

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Redeeming God, make your presence known to us. Satisfy our hunger and thirst. Fill us with your loving kindness, and assure us of your steadfast faithfulness. Give us good courage to worship you well this morning. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:3, 8

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt the LORD's name together.

We sought the LORD, and he answered us; the LORD delivered us from all our fears.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;

Happy are those who take refuge in the LORD.

Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Glory to God Hymnal, # 35

Confession*

Ephesians 4:25

"So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another."

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have nursed grudges rather than repent and forgive. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness, bur have indulged in gossip.

Hear our prayers, O God of grace. Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith. Wash us in your mercy, and make us imitators of your steadfast faithfulness and loving kindness.

(personal confession)

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Assurance and Passing of the Peace

Ephesians 5:1-2

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

Luke 6:36-38

Ruth 2:1-23

Sermon

From Happenstance to Providence

Hymn

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (O Christ, Surround Me)

Glory to God Hymnal, # 543

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

(ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Call for the Offering* and Doxology

Ephesians 5:1

"Therefore be imitators of God..."

As Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, let us offer ourselves to God.

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Prayer of Dedication

Receive these gifts, O God. May they be as a fragrant offering, and a sign of our lives given to you. Amen.

Announcements

Prayers of the People*

Hear our prayers for the grieving:

All who have lost loved ones to disease,

All who have lost loved ones to hatred,

All who have lost loved ones to indifference and injustice.

Bring comfort, solace and in due season, even joy.

Hear our prayers for the struggling:

All who face addiction,

All who face financial hardship,

All who face painful relationships,

All who feel a loss of purpose.

Hear our prayers for the comfortable:

All who think they've earned what they have,

All who need to make a name for themselves,
 All who believe they are perfect.
 Bring humility, generosity and honesty.

Hear our prayers for your church:

Churches who are dwindling,
 Churches who are thriving,
 And those many who are somewhere in between.
 All of us who are weathered, worn, exhausted by the call to follow Jesus.
 Bring vision beyond a building, and bring a true concern for others, and sabbath rest.

Hear our prayers for ourselves:

We who feel enlivened by worship,
 We who feel very little,
 We who feel dread, or anxiety, or worry,
 We who feel hope, or peace, or love.
 We who are grieving, struggling, or comfortable.
 Bring a sharing of burdens and a sharing of joys.
 Bring a real relationship between us, for we are members of one another.

And so it is we pray for those whose names are known to us...

And we offer a moment for those whose names are unknown to us, knowing that all are fully known to you...

Finally, Lord, hear us as we pray with one voice as you have taught, saying

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

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 Presbyterian Outlook*

Hymn

God Be With You Till We Meet Again
 Glory to God Hymnal, #542

Charge and Benediction

Beloved children of God, may the fragrance of God's grace linger wherever you find yourself; and may you behold God's presence with you in all that you do.

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.

Postlude