

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service – August 15, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
12th Sunday after Pentecost/Ordinary Time
Year B

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-28

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

God, you who are the source of all true wisdom, and the fount of eternal life – through our worship this morning and empowered by your Spirit, give us ears to hear, hearts to receive, hands and feet and lives to boldly respond. For you are the one whose words shape the world. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1-2, 10

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD!

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. His praise endures forever.

Hymn

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord
Glory to God Hymnal, #628

Confession*

Ephesians 5:15-16

“Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.”

O Lord, the voice of your wisdom rings out in the world, guiding us to place our trust in you. The voice of your wisdom rings out in the world, challenging us to seek the things that matter. We place our trust in things that are fleeting. We seek the things that make us comfortable. We have lived carelessly and squandered time – remaining idle when you call us to action, and getting caught up in busy-ness when you call us to rest.

Forgive us, God of grace. Purge us from evil and fill us with your Spirit. Clear our minds from clutter than we may discern what is right and walk in your ways.

(personal confession)

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Assurance and Passing of the Peace

1 Corinthians 1:24-25

"...Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ScriptureMatthew 7:7-8Ruth 3:1-18**Sermon***Boldly Awkward, and Awkwardly Bold***Hymn***Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Glory to God Hymnal, #761

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 Prayer of Dedication*

Ephesians 5:18, 20

"...but be filled with the Spirit...giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ our living bread, has given his flesh for the life of the world. Filled with the Spirit, let us offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We give thanks to you, God, for sending your Son Jesus to be living bread for the world. Bless the gifts we bring, that though them your life may feed, strengthen, redeem, and bless this world, through Christ, the bread of life. Amen.

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Announcements

Prayers of the People*

Faithful God, you are ever mindful of your covenant and invite us to ask gifts of your goodness. In your steadfast love, receive our requests for the well-being of your church, your world, and all people.

Grant your church understanding and discernment to faithfully carry out your mission in the world.

Cause us to walk in wisdom concerning your creation, mindfully stewarding its provision for all living creatures.

Give those who govern wise and discerning minds, that your way of justice and righteousness, compassion and goodness may prevail among the nations.

Provide food for the hungry, hope for the despairing, and wisdom for the wandering.

Help us make the most of the time, walking in your ways, filled with your Spirit, living out your will.

Open our eyes to all whom you call, and may we push against that which would hide the fullness of your image borne in every person.

Let your loving kindness and steadfast faithfulness uphold those whom we lift up now...

[personal prayers]

Keep us mindful, Lord, that in your grace and provision for your people you often call and empower us to be the answers to the prayers we pray.

And so we are bold to pray the prayer Jesus taught us, as we say together,

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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Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story
Glory to God Hymnal, #462

Charge and Benediction

Postlude