

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Worship Service – September 5, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
 15th Sunday after Pentecost/Ordinary Time
 Year B

Isaiah 35:4-7a
 Psalm 146
 James 2:1-17
 Mark 7:24-37

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

God of love, you show your people how to be truly rich in faith, through the gifts you give when least hoped for or expected. Come to your people today with words of both judgment and mercy, that we may be fed from the bread of life. Open our ears to hear, open our mouths to proclaim. We pray this in your holy triune name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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Call to Worship

adapted from Isaiah 35:4-7

To all who are fearful of heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is our God."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

The lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

The burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Hymn

The Desert Shall Rejoice
 The Presbyterian Hymnal, #18

Confession*

James 2:14

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?"

Lord, it is not our works that save us, but rather it is faith in you that saves us. Yet our works betray where we have truly put our faith. We have not been true to you. You have chosen the poor in the world, but we have dishonored them. You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words.

Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Forgive us, heal our unbelief, and turn us back to you that our faith may produce the works we have been created for, and our works proclaim faith and trust in you.

(personal confession)

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 & inspired by James 2:1-17, Proverbs 22:22-23*

Assurance and Passing of the Peace

Mark 7:34

"Then looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said to him 'Be opened.'"

Through the work of Christ, we are opened to forgiveness, opened to healing, opened to wholeness, and opened to renewal.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ScriptureMark 7:24-37

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God stands forever.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon*Why Not Yet?***Hymn**

Open My Eyes That I May See
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #324

Offering* and Prayer of Dedication

James 2:5

"Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?"

From the riches of God's grace, and for the healing of this world, let us present our gifts of gratitude to bless those in need, in body or in spirit.

Generous God, thank you for these gifts we have to offer – our time, our talents, our tithes. In our giving, may we be reminded us of our need. And in our need, may we be reminded of your giving. Bless all who give in faith, and bless all who receive, that your love may be made known.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

...We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together with boldness:

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.

Breaking of Bread and Communion of God's People

Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #466

Charge and Benediction

Postlude