

**CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**A Service for Worship at Home – October 11, 2020**

Revised Common Lectionary Readings  
for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

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

**Opening Prayer**

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God, you who are ever-present and near, you never leave us. Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee, and keep us seeking after that which is true, that all may know that you are the Lord, our God, a tenacious presence in whatever our reality. Fill us and all our places with your Spirit, that we may hear your voice today. Amen.

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 106:1-5

Praise the LORD! O give thank to the LORD, for he is good; for the LORD's steadfast love endures forever. Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all God's praise?

**Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.**

Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them;

**that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.**

**Hymn**

Steven Pandolfi, soloist

*How Great Thou Art*  
The Presbyterian Hymnal #467

**Confession**

Exodus 32:7-8 / Psalm 106:21

*"The LORD said to Moses, '...Your people...they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them...'" "They forgot God, their Savior."*

**Lord, you see how stubborn we are, how quickly we turn from you toward idols of our own making, how impatient we are when we do not get what we think we deserve. We forget your providential care for us, the countless ways you provide, your gracious response to our cries for help. We do not think on things like justice and goodness. We are not known for our gentleness and forbearance. We give in to the loud voices that tell us to tend to our own needs only and neglect the very ones you command us to care for. We feed disputes and divisions.**

**We cannot justify our behavior, we can only confess it, repent and ask again for your mercy. Forgive us, Lord, so that we can bear witness to your character of loving kindness.**

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*(silent confession)*

**Assurance and Peace**

Philippians 4:19

*“And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Scripture**[Philippians 4:1-9](#)**Sermon***This Is (No) Ordinary Time***Hymn***Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Glory to God Hymnal #363

**Offering**

Philippians 4:4-5

*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.”*

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. Gifts for the ministry of the church can be given using the online giving button on our website, or mailing in to the church office.

**Prayer of Dedication and Prayers of the People**

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Almighty God, you invite us to the banquet, welcome us to your table, send your prophets with your instructions and your Son to save us from our sin. The depth and breadth of your compassion cannot ever be earned or repaid, hence we call it grace. Accept, we pray, these gifts, given in thanksgiving and in the hope that you will bless and use them to call others to the heavenly banquet.

Lord, we rejoice in you always. Even in times of trial and despite seasons of doubt and pain, we rejoice. We come to you pleading on behalf of the world you so love, asking for signs of your grace, interventions of your mercy, transformation that reflects your goodness. When we grow weary and bereft, send your Spirit to encourage and uphold us. When we are tempted to give in to violence or force, remind us that we, your people, are to be known for our gentleness. Be near to us that we might know your peace.

Grant us the strength of faith not to worry, but to instead think on things that are honorable. Help us to live with integrity, showing respect to your creation and love to our neighbors. May our actions reflect your character, the body of Christ an extension of Jesus' earthly ministry until he comes again.

Give us the courage to not only think about justice, but enact and embody it. Aid us in our work for equity and our honest accounting of past wrongs and present oppression. Knowing that we are united in Christ and called to a ministry of reconciliation, empower us to do the hard, tangible work of repairing the breach and restoring the streets.

Reveal to us that which is pure, those things that speak of your holiness and point to your will. Do not let us be overtaken by cynicism or despair. Give us eyes to see you present and at work, ears to hear your voice however and through whomever you choose to speak, hearts inscribed with your word and moved to do your work.

Teach us to recognize that which is pleasing in your sight so that we can name it, emulate it, expand it. In the suffering so pervasive and varied in our world, call forth hope and embolden us to be bearers of it. Surround those bent over in grief and pain with disciples who refuse to turn away, people committed to sitting in the darkness until the dawn comes.

This morning we lift pray for the family of Fran Vogelaar, mourning her death. Lord comfort them with the sure and certain knowledge of your love that not even death can quench.

We pray for those in need of healing – Chuck, Betty’s friends Maria, Charlene, Theresa, and Maxine; Marsha’s mother and father, and for Gladys. We pray for Roberta’s mother Maureen. We lift up those recovering from surgeries. And for those whose health and needs are perhaps unknown to us, but known fully to you.

We remember and lift up Elaine, Dot, Marilyn, Miriam, and all those at Madonna Manor, Holiday Health and Rehab, Chapel Hill, Highlands, Atria, and Waterman Lake.

We pray for those recovering from natural disasters, especially those recovering from this most recent hurricane. We pray for our community, state, and national leaders – for all who hold office and all that would seek it.

We continue to lift up all who are suffering from this coronavirus pandemic, for those whose loved ones number among the 200,000+ who have died in our nation, and countless others around the world. For those who are sick. And for all hurt by the effects of this pandemic – those whose loneliness or isolation has increased, those whose livelihoods have been lost or threatened, and all who are simply weary and heavy-laden. We pray for compassionate responses, empathetic choices, and wise leadership in these times of continuing and growing uncertainty. Help us remember the poor and the refugee, the imprisoned, the homeless and the marginalized.

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

*(personal prayers)*

Open our mouths to proclaim your praise. As our anxieties grow and our divisions increase, send the Holy Spirit to remind us of all Jesus taught us, give us the right words to speak at the right time, turn our thoughts to you so that we will think and act on your loving kindness, your free flowing justice, your pursuit of goodness and

mercy. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, so may we pray 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 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.

**Hymn**

The Calvin Church Virtual Choir

*Though I May Speak*  
The Presbyterian Hymnal #335

**Charge and Benediction**

Philippians 4:19-23

*"And our God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

*...Greet every saint in Christ Jesus...The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."*

Amen.

**Postlude**