

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

*We Gather in God's Name . . .*

## PRELUDE

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*(for silent prayer during the prelude)*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.<sup>i</sup> **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM MATTHEW 14)

One: Many times, our Lord would withdraw to a deserted place by himself,

**All: but the crowds would follow him on foot from the towns.**

One: Despite his desire to find solitude,

**All: our Lord would have compassion on the crowds.**

One: He would cure their sick

**All: and preach good news to the crowds.**

One: When the disciples would worry they had no food to feed the crowds, our Lord Jesus would feed thousands from meager supplies,

**All: and they would be filled. Let us worship God!**

### HYMN OF PRAISE: "Break Thou the Bread of Life" #329

Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As Thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea; Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord; My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!  
Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, Now unto me, As Thou didst bless

the bread By Galilee; Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall; And I shall find my peace, My all in all.

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION (FROM ROMANS 8)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.<sup>ii</sup>

### \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

**God of miracles, too often our minds are limited to only what we can see or explain, but you tell us that hope is in things unseen; true faith is in things that extend our experiences and explanation. Forgive our lack of faith and our resistance to hoping for and accepting things we cannot explain. Grow our faith and reward our hope. In the name of the one who fed and satisfied 5000 men plus women and children with five loaves and two fish. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (FROM ROMANS 8)

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. Know that in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.<sup>iii</sup> Amen.

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*. . . to Proclaim God's Word*

FIRST READING                      Genesis 32:22-31                      p. 30

EPISTLE READING                      Romans 9:1-5                      p. 159

\*GOSPEL READING                      Matthew 14:13-21                      p. 16

SERMON                      "God's Multiplication"                      Rev. Andy Smothers

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### \*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism* (Questions 20-23)

One: Are all people then saved through Christ just as they were lost through Adam?

**Many: No. Only those are saved who through true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.**

One: What is true faith?

**Many: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.**

One: What then must a Christian believe?

**Many: All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our universal and undisputed Christian faith.**

One: What are these articles?

**Many: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

*. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)**

God, our peace, your understanding and patience can be overwhelming. When our Lord went to have solitude and the crowds followed, he healed them and taught them. When it came time to dismiss them for the evening meal, he fed them instead. When we today, are impatient, you are patient. When we sin and repent, you offer forgiveness. When we are anxious, you provide peace. Even today, you still heal, and you provide a harvest each year to feed us. In thankfulness for your many blessings, we offer these gifts for the work of your church. Guide our leaders to invest it wisely for your kingdom. Amen.

... and to Be Sent in God's Name.

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Fight the Good Fight" #307

Fight the good fight with all thy might; Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace, Lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; God's bound-less mercy will provide; Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, God's arms are near; God changeth not, and thou art dear; Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

<sup>i</sup> Book of Common Worship, 366.

<sup>ii</sup> Book of Common Worship, 52.

<sup>iii</sup> Book of Common Worship, 56.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome* to worship this morning! As we continue to social distance, we will not be offering child care for a time. Feel free to keep your children in worship — even if they're a bit noisy. You're also welcome to take them into the coatroom. Weather permitting, we do hope to have coffee hour outside this morning.

**Our thanks** go to our lay reader Phyllis Hammermeister, and organist Ernestine Olson.

Please consider signing up to provide refreshments for our outdoor coffee hour this summer. A signup sheet will be on the table near the food after worship.

Come and join us on **Wednesday Evenings for Evening Prayer at 7:30 PM.** Several of us join Pastor Andy for scripture readings and reflections, liturgy, prayer, and fellowship.

**Presbyterian Women Fall Retreat** will be held at Glacier Camp **August 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>.** Registration forms, schedule and guidelines for compliance can be picked up from the office. Deadline for registration is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The Second Presbyterian Ice Cream Social** will be held on **Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.** In keeping with social distancing we will meet outside by the bell. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite ice cream topping. Come wearing a mask. Women, men and children are all welcome to come for fun and fellowship.

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Summer Office Hours** are Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Last week, combined giving was **\$779.00.** In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,588.00** per week.

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