

Bulletin for Worship

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Call to Worship

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God's word is spoken to our hearts. As we open ourselves to hear God's word, love is poured into us, so that we may bring peace to the world.

We give thanks to God for the work of bringing hope and salvation to calm the hurt and fear of the world. We rejoice in the gift of God's grace.

Hymn Glory to God #519 "You Are My Strength When I am Weak"

You are my strength
when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
worthy is your name!
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worthy is your name! *(repeat all)*

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Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are so easily distracted and overwhelmed by the things happening in the world around us. We alternate between fretting, worrying about all that is taking place, and seeking to hide our heads so that we can be free of responsibility to act with Your loving care. Forgive our shallow faith and foolishness. Remind us that we are called to be messengers, and not the message. Restore us to the place where we can speak and act out of Your grace and mercy. Humbly we offer ourselves to serve You. Amen.

Take a few moments to offer your own silent confession.

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

Trust in the love and grace of Jesus our Savior. You are loved by God and forgiven, so that you may be free to use your abilities and your voice to share God's peace with everyone you meet.

We rejoice in the good news of Christ's love. Through God's love and Jesus' love, we are forgiven.

The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 “Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

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Glory Be to the Father

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)

Remembering the Saints Who Have Passed

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of the ages, we praise You for all Your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy,
and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and
place, who in life and death have witnessed to Your truth,

we praise you, O God.

For all Your servants who have faithfully served You, witnessed bravely, and died in faith,
who still are shining lights in the world,

we praise you, O God.

For those no longer remembered, who earnestly sought You in darkness, who held fast
their faith in trial, and served others,

we praise you, O God.

For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope,
have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,

we praise you, O God.

Keep us grateful for their witness, and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then
at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through
Jesus Christ the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Names of those who have passed in 2020

Mary Binning

Robin Francis

James Dvorak

Carol Meyst

Susan Ludjack

Robert Merrill

Katherine Penfield

Bertha Foster

A moment of silence to name those who have passed from our lives.

Sung Response: Glory to God #240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks *(refrain)*

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia Give Praise to His name.

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Scripture Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

⁹ You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. ¹¹ As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹² urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³ We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Matthew 23:1-12

^{23:1} Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ² "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; ³ therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴ They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵ They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶ They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷ and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸ But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. ⁹ And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Message: "Servant Leadership"

Prayer

The 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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Glory to God Hymnal #326 "For all the Saints" vs. 1, 3, and 5

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864

MUSIC (SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias): Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Benediction