

Online Worship: September 6th, 2020

“Worship Happens Everywhere”

United Presbyterian Church

Prelude “God of grace, God of Glory” by Jason Krug

Cynthia Hibbetts, Organist

Welcome

Welcome Song

Glory to God #401, verse 1

“Here in this Place”

Call to Worship (Psalm 119)

Vicky Stauff

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

In your righteousness give me life!

Excerpts taken from: Book of Common Worship

Congregational Hymn:

“Let All Things Now Living” Glory to God Hymnal #37

Confession and Pardon

The proof of God’s amazing love is this:

While we were sinners

Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him,

We dare to approach God with confidence.

In faith and penitence,

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Following silent personal examination, all pray together the prayer of confession

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God,

you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,

nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,

or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion,

cleanse us from our sin.

**Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Thanks be to God!

Proclaiming the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you

Anthem:

“Come, Thou Fount” by Vernon Whaley

performed by our Scholarship Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God,
and prepare our hearts to accept your word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;

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through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(As you read/hear the Prayer for Illumination, you may want to light a candle as a reminder of the eternal word of God which lights our path.)

Scripture

Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Nearer to Us”

Rev. Candice Richey Womack

Congregational Hymn:

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!” Glory to God Hymnal, 804 vs 1,2,5

Offering

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Freely you have received, freely give.

(Giving to the church now will be vital for the vitality and generosity of the church. If you would like to give, please do so through our church website: upctx.org/giving You may also mail your offering.)

Prayer /The Lord’s Prayer

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God of love and light, we offer you our gratitude. You are the Creator of all that we see and don’t see. You know what we need even before we can ask. You sustain us in days filled with confusion and conflict. You wait for us, ready to pull us back into Your love when we feel overwhelmed or get lost in the messiness of these terribly messy days.

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We pray, O Lord, for your church in every place...that we may live as people sewn together by the love of Christ. When we experience conflict and division, mistrust or anger, we pray that we turn our eyes to Christ who has shown us that Love is above all things. When we focus on rules and how things have always been, instead turn our eyes to Your Scripture which has told us that "Love is the fulfilling of the law." May we embrace one another in love, as Christ Jesus first loved us. And may we pray with confidence the prayer that Jesus prayed, saying:

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,

for ever and ever

Amen.

Congregational Benediction

"Go Now In Peace"