

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**August 29, 2021**

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# Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

August 29, 2021

Prelude "This Is My Father's World" ~ *Keveren*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Leader: We gather in this place to worship our God:

People: **calm Presence in our times of confusion, Comforter in our nights of struggle.**

Leader: We gather with fellow pilgrims, as we seek to follow Jesus:

People: **Brother to those swamped by fears, Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.**

Leader: We are brought together by the Spirit who lives in the depths of our souls:

People: **the Serenity who travels with us on this up-and-down journey we call life.**

Prayer of Invocation

\*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

\*Opening Hymn

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Forgiveness (*Unison*)

**They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.**

**Forgive us. God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

*Silence is kept*

Assurance of God's Pardon (*Responsive*)

Leader: With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us with faith.

People: **Our God affirms us for who we are – those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith. Thanks be to God! Amen**

Anthem "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You" ~ Lemly

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Mark 4: 35-41 (NIV)

<sup>4:35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."  
<sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" <sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" <sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Sermon "Peace in the Midst of the Storm" ~ Jay Bender

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

\*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, amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning 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.**

Offertory Meditation          “His Eye Is On the Sparrow”          ~ *Martin and Gabriel*

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Closing Hymn                          “Til the Storm Passes By”                          #556  
*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude                                  “I Saw the Light”                                  ~ *Williams*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold:** Congregation Speaks*

**Announcements**

Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 5 pm Choir Practice  
Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> Childcare & Church offices Closed for Labor Day  
Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting after Worship  
5 pm Session Meeting  
Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Circle Meeting in the Sanctuary Annex  
Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Stewardship Sunday – Lunch, Program and Present Budget

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**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Daily Readings for August 29 – September 4 use the following web link:**

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/2021/6/25/>

**Prayer List Additions as of 8/29/2021**

*Rev. Lauren and Pastor T. Wes; New School Year; Hurricane Henri; Tennessee Flooding; Haiti; Afghanistan; Rev. Jerrod and Molly Lowry and Family (Rev. Lauren); Hilda Bender; Cheryl Coeyman; Rick Stebbing (Pastor T. Wes); PPC Childcare*

*(These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks-unless the church secretary is notified otherwise)*