

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**September 12, 2021**

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**Pollocksville Presbyterian Church**  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Order of Worship**

**September 12, 2021**

Prelude                      *"Chorale Prelude on Saint Anne" ~ Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)    (Source- *September 11 Remembrance Liturgical Resources*)

Let us focus on God's presence.

**In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst ...**

Come worship our God who feeds the hungry.

**In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed ...**

Come worship our God who calls for compassion and justice.

**In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war ...**

Come worship our God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

**In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness ...**

Come worship our God who gives life meaning.

**Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!**

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                      "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"                      #210  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession    (*Responsive*)

(Source- *September 11 Remembrance Liturgical Resources*)

Creator God, with the breath of your word, you called this world good, but we perverted your creation. So we are born into a twisted world, bent by its way. Lord, in your mercy,

**Make us new.**

You made us to hunger after you, but we have become captive to selfish desires. We turn our eyes from souls and bellies that are empty so we can stay gluttoned. Lord in your mercy,

**Make us new.**

You made us to be in communion with one another, yet we're so afraid of others' expectations that we shut them out before they can get too near. We see them as threat, label them bad, refuse their voice and presence as your children. Lord, in your mercy,

**Make us new.**

You alone are ruler of the universe, but we keep trying to take your job. We grab for power and seek control, doing violence to all who get in our way or challenge our truth. Lord in your mercy,

**Make us new.**

Basically, Lord, we want to be in charge, and we want it all, the way we want it, when we want it. In our dominance, we break communion with you as Lord and also with others. Lord in your mercy,

**Make us new.**

We stand exposed in the light of your eternal love, filled with death, yet longing for life. You alone have the power to break our bondage to sin.

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Cover us with your compassion, and refashion us in your image.**

**This we pray through Christ, our only hope.**

*Silence is observed*

Assurance of God's Pardon (*Responsive*) (Source- *Isaiah 43:1, 19*)

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem                      *“Gather by the River to Pray”*    ~ Pepper Choplin                      Choir

## Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Mark 8:27-38 (CEB)

<sup>8:27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> They told him, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> He asked them, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead." <sup>32</sup> He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts." <sup>34</sup> After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup> All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. <sup>36</sup> Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? <sup>37</sup> What will people give in exchange for their lives? <sup>38</sup> Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father's glory with the holy angels."

Sermon                      “The Suffering Servant”       ~ Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

## 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.**

### \*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.**

### \*Closing Hymn

**"Victory in Jesus"**  
*Sing to the Lord Hymnal*

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### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Postlude

*"Variation on CRUCIFER: Lift High the Cross"*

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

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***Congregational Meeting after Worship Service Today***

***~ See attached list of Eligible Members ~***

***Meeting to elect the Officer Nominating Committee***

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**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>      5 pm Session Meeting**

**Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>      7 pm Circle Meeting in the Sanctuary Annex**

**Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>      7 pm Choir Rehearsal**

**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>      Stewardship Sunday – Lunch, Program and Present Budget**

**Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>      9 am Men's Breakfast; Bldg. Fund Sunday; Congregational Meeting after Worship; Crop Walk**  
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**For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:**

Isaiah 50:4-9a and Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

**Daily Readings for September 12 – 18 use the following web link:**

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

### **Prayer List Additions as of 9/12/2021**

*Kelly and Bill James (Carol and Bob Mattocks); Carol Cookesey (Cheryl Coeyman); Catherine James (Carol and Bob Mattocks); Laurel Mazziotti; Schools; Rev. Jerrod and Molly Lowry and Family; Rev. Maggie Beamguard, Family and West End Presbyterian Church (Pastor T. Wes); Hilary Seraph Donaldson (Pastor T. Wes); Families of Fallen Service Members; Presbytery of South Louisiana; Rev. Barry Chance and Family (Pastor T. Wes); Jason LeRay (Jeremy LeRay); Charles Cunningham (Bonnie Zimmermann).*