

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

June 28, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *The Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

The church lives to praise God.

We have no higher calling than to offer God our lives in worship today and forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, to the ages of ages!
Amen.**

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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source- *The Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

God who creates the future, you call us to follow you, yet we confess we prefer to remain where we are. You offer us new beginnings, yet we continue to make the same familiar choices. You invite us into the fullness of life, yet we distance ourselves from you and each other through fear and doubt. Forgive us, O God. Cleanse from us every unworthy thought, word and deed with the grace of Christ our Lord.

Rouse us by the Spirit to be intentional, courageous disciples even when the world does not welcome us or the word we proclaim in Jesus' name.

Silence is observed

Assurance of Pardon (*Responsive*) (Source- *The Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Jesus said, Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gifts to you this day. Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Genesis 22:1-19

(Common English Bible)

1 After these events, God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!"

Abraham answered, "I'm here."

2 God said, "Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you." **3** Abraham got up early in the morning, harnessed his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, together with his son Isaac. He split the wood for the entirely burned offering, set out, and went to the place God had described to him.

4 On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance. **5** Abraham said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will walk up there, worship, and then come back to you."

6 Abraham took the wood for the entirely burned offering and laid it on his son Isaac. He took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them walked on together. **7** Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father?"

Abraham said, "I'm here, my son."

Isaac said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?"

8 Abraham said, "The lamb for the entirely burned offering? God will see to it, my son." The two of them walked on together.

9 They arrived at the place God had described to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. **10** Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. **11** But the Lord's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven, "Abraham? Abraham?"

Abraham said, "I'm here."

12 The messenger said, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, and don't do anything to him. I now know that you revere God and didn't hold back your son, your only son, from me." **13** Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the dense underbrush. Abraham went over, took the ram, and offered it as an entirely burned offering instead of his son. **14** Abraham named that place "the Lord sees." That is the reason people today say, "On this mountain the Lord is seen."

15 The Lord's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven a second time **16** and said, "I give my word as the Lord that because you did this and didn't hold back your son, your only son, **17** I will bless you richly and I will give you countless descendants, as many as the stars in the sky and as the grains of sand on the seashore. They will conquer their enemies' cities. **18** All the nations of the earth will be blessed because of your descendants, because you obeyed me." **19** After Abraham returned to the young men, they got up and went to Beer-sheba where Abraham lived.

Sermon

"I'm Here"

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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.

*Affirmation of Faith

*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

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Please rise in body or spirit
Bold: Congregation Speaks

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Today is *Building Fund Sunday*.

All contributions given, unless otherwise designated, will go the Church Building Fund.



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Daily Readings for June 28 – July 4 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>



Prayer List Additions as of 6/28/2020

Rev. Jim & Roxanna Attwood (Carol Mattocks), Kay Bender (knee replacement), Linda Gardiner, The Amos Hardee Family, April and Johnny McKeel & family, Sharon Tew (at home recovering)

The General Assembly of the PC USA. Lift up in prayer our new co-moderators: Elona Street-Stewart and Gregory Bentley.

Continue praying for all our brothers and sisters all over the world!

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress.

Names will remain on this list for 3 weeks - unless the church secretary is notified otherwise)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed— great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.