

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



October 11, 2020

Homecoming

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 a.m.

Order of Worship

October 11, 2020

Choral Introit "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place" ~ Wolfe ~
~ Women's Chorus

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission ~ Stewardship ~ Ed & Noreen Jekel

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- Rev. James Brown)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the living God."

This is the day when we rejoice in God's act of creation.

This is our Sabbath, when we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

We give thanks that once more, God has brought us together, that we might be refreshed in him.

Peace to all who enter here, blessing to all who go from here on their way,
in Jesus' name.

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" *See Insert*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source- *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*)

Loving God, you are the Provider of all our days. When the winds of faith blow strong and our spirits are invigorated, you are with us. When the burdens of life seem as oppressive as hot, humid air and our spirits become listless, you are with us. When a sense of calm purpose moves us from the depths of our being, you are present. When turbulence of pain or confusion storms within us, you are present still.

Forgive us when we neglect to acknowledge or to rely upon your steadfast love. We do so for many reasons. Sometimes we do not want to see you. At other times, we stubbornly try to do without you. Sometimes we lock you in the past as though your best efforts were concluded long ago. At other times, we put you off until tomorrow.

Great God, forgive us, and grant us the vision to see you, the wisdom to trust you, the courage to serve you. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silence is observed

Assurance of Pardon *(Responsive)* (Source- *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*)

What are the past and present and future but revelations of the wondrous character of God's love? There is the constancy evident in days gone by, the support and sustenance at hand every moment, the invitation to share each tomorrow with the Christ who draws us into a life of service and leads us toward a life eternal.

This we know: God's love is sure and certain throughout our lives!

Anthem "I Must Tell Jesus" ~ *arr. Hayes* ~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Joel 2:21-27 (*New International Version*)

2:21 Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things! **22** Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches. **23** Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. **24** The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. **25** "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm—my great army that I sent among you. **26** You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. **27** Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

Sermon "Great Things" ~ *Rev. Summer Hough*

Anthem "Bless This House" ~ *Brahe* ~ *Men's Chorus*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Necrology "Remembering the Saints"
Clifford R. Griswold - September 7, 2020

*Hymn "For All the Saints" *See Insert*

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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Benediction

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Choir

*Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

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We are delighted to have Rev. Summer Hough as our guest preacher today.

Summer is the current executive director of The Filling Station and Veteran's Case Manager for RCS. She hails from Rochester, NY where she grew up in the surrounding countryside as the oldest of six siblings. She met the love of her life, Zeb, at a youth group function with the Salvation Army and they have been inseparable since. After they married, they began their ministry in youth leadership and later going to seminary and working as Pastors and Executive Directors with the Salvation Army and other local not-for-profits in the Rochester area. During this time they had two children: Isaiah, who is 12, and Eden, who is 10. Summer loves to be creative and loves to serve the Lord. She notes that life is always an adventure when lived in faithfulness and she looks forward to many more adventures here in North Carolina.

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Daily Readings for October 11 – 17 use the following web link:

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

Prayer List Additions as of 10/11/2020

Covid-19 Pandemic, Eleanor Olsen Falls (requested by Jean Bender), The Family of Hazel Mills Heath (requested by Hazel Ann Atkinson), Bob Howe, Jon Link (Pastor T. Wes' cousin), Rev. Christy Miles [former Associate Pastor at WNB Presbyterian Church] & Husband Brian, (Covid), Pollockville Presbyterian Church, Wes Smith & Family (Covid), Lori Sadorski (Pollockville VFD- Cancer), The 2020 Election, Those in Isolation, Tyler & Polly Whitehead (requested by Kay Bender).

Please keep in your prayers those struggling to cope due to this pandemic. Continue to pray for the schools as the students start back for a new and much different year. Remember the administration, teachers, students, and parents during this difficult time. Continue praying for all our brothers and sisters all over the world!

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 러 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923

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FAITHFULNESS

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What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-



last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,



Refrain



lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Lean-ing,
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,



lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 lean-ing on Je-sus,



ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,



The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

For All the Saints



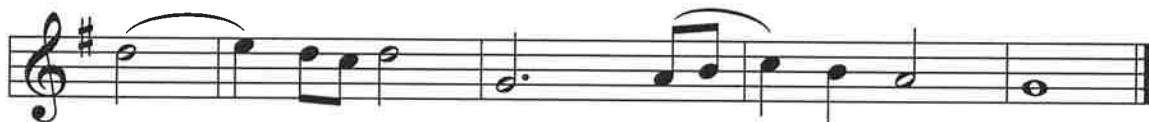
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
 steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.