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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

October 4, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Stewardship

Bob & Carol Mattocks

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

The banquet is prepared and God calls us to the feast.

We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ's table.

Compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

We taste the bread of life, bread for our journey.

These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

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

"The Lord Is God"

See Insert

Call to Confession

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

God of mercy, we confess that we have often failed to speak and act with kindness. We have not always cared for others as you care for us.

We have not welcomed others as we have been welcomed to your table, nor have we forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We remember the good not done, kind words not spoken, and things we regret. Forgive us, we pray.

Silence is observed

Assurance of Pardon (*Responsive*) (Source- *2 Corinthians 5:17*)

Friends, believe the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life is fading, the new life has started to emerge—in us. Know that you are forgiven and have the courage to forgive one another.

Amen!

Anthem

"How Great Thou Art" ~ arr. Tom Wit

~ Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Exodus 20:1-20

(Common English Bible)

20:1 Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **3** You must have no other gods before me. **4** Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. **5** Do not bow down to them or worship them, because I, the Lord your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. **6** But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. **7** Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way. **8** Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. **9** Six days you may work and do all your tasks, **10** but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. **11** Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. **12** Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you. **13** Do not kill. **14** Do not commit adultery. **15** Do not steal. **16** Do not testify falsely against your neighbor. **17** Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor. **18** When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the horn, and the mountain smoking, the people shook with fear and stood at a distance. **19** They said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we'll listen. But don't let God speak to us, or we'll die." **20** Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid, because God has come only to test you and to make sure you are always in awe of God so that you don't sin."

Sermon

"And God Spoke"

~

Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to God's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

~ *Session Meeting Tonight at 5 p.m.* ~

For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Daily Readings for October 4 – 10 use the following web link:

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

Prayer List Additions as of 10/4/2020

Hazel Ann Atkinson, Rosanna Attwood (Carol Mattocks's friend- COVID), Brook Stone Living Center & its Residents, Sharon Cravens (Jerry Burkot's niece- Lyme Disease & broken bone in back), Ed Edmondson's sister (92 years old & is isolated), Shelley Gordon (Carol Nelson's Aunt- COVID), Sybil Harriett & the Residents at the Courtyards at Berne Village (tested positive for COVID), Jon Link (Pastor T. Wes' cousin), Carol Long (Steve Long's mother), Mattocks Family, Rev. Christy Miles [former Associate Pastor at WNB Presbyterian Church] & Family (COVID), The Family of Henry Nobles (friend of Mark & Kay Bender who passed away, Pollocksville Presbyterian Church, The 2020 Election.

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!f

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

The Lord Is God

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1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise



to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
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This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4–9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38 / Mark 12:28–29 / Luke 10:26–28).

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645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
 all is right:
 cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 take your part:

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.