

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

July 12, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Fresh corn dripping with butter, juicy peaches topping our cereal:

People: **praise is due to you, God of the harvest!**

Leader: Children chasing fireflies in evening's shadows, families picnicking in the backyard:

People: **Praise is due to you, God of summer days!**

Leader: Mothers tightening training wheels on bikes, fathers teaching kids to bait a hook:

People: **praise is due to you, God of our lives!**

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

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Forgiveness

We know the seeds we have sown, Harvesting God: anger which springs from our flinty hearts; bitterness which flows like a rushing river into another's heart; hurtful words which wrap their thorny briars around a friend's kindness; passion which poisons an innocent relationship. We could help a friend with a difficult problem but we won't. We could smooth the way for someone stumbling through life, but we can't. Forgive us, Loving God, and have mercy. Your grace can turn our fallow hearts into rich fields of love. Your hope can smooth the rocks in our way, so we can go to be reconciled to another. Your love for us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, can untangle the thorny mess we have made of our lives. Bless us with these gifts, we pray.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: No ifs, no ands, no buts. Now there is no condemnation - period!
God answers all our hurts, our wrongs, our sin with salvation.
Believe this good news, my friends.

People: **We are stunned by your grace, and embraced in your love,
Forgiving God, and lift our thanks to you. Amen.**

Anthem

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

~ Dorsey ~

Carol Nelson

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23

(New International Version)

13 ¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear."

¹⁸"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Sermon

"Keep Sowing the Seed"

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Jay Bender

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

"Jesus Saves"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Please rise in body or spirit
Bold: Congregation Speaks



Prayer List Additions as of 7/12/2020

Frank T. Bender (recovery), Jerry Burkot (Cataract Surgery), Linda Gardiner, April and Johnny McKeel & family, Edna Smith, Jane Sobotor & family, Karl & Bonnie Zimmermann.

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)



For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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The Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them. Exodus 20:11

1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God That made the moun - tains rise,
 2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low But makes Thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies.
 He formed the crea - tures with His word And then pro - nounced them good.
 And clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow By or - der from Thy throne,

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how Thy won - ders are dis - played Wher - e'er I turn my eye:
 While all that bor - rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at His com - mand And all the stars o - bey.
 If I sur - vey the ground I tread Or gaze up - on the sky!
 And ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres - ent there.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1715

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wurtemberg, 1784*

This tune in a lower key, No. 217

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Jesus Saves!

Proclaim his salvation day after day. Psalm 96:2

1. We have heard the joy - ful sound: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 2. Waft it on the roll - ing tide: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 3. Sing a - bove the bat - tle strife: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 4. Give the winds a might - y voice: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!

Spread the tid - ings all a - round: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 Tell to sin - ners far and wide: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 By His death and end - less life, Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 Let the na - tions now re - joice: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!

Bear the news to ev - 'ry land; Climb the steep and cross the waves.
 Sing, ye is - lands of the sea; Ech - o back, ye o - cean caves.
 Sing it soft - ly thro' the gloom, When the heart for mer - cy craves;
 Shout sal - va - tion full and free, High - est hills and deep - est caves.

On - ward! 'tis our Lord's com - mand. Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 Earth shall keep her ju - bi - lee. Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 Sing in tri - umph o'er the tomb: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
 This our song of vic - to - ry: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!