

# POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**August 16, 2020**

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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

August 16, 2020

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Welcome and Announcements

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

Let the people praise you, O God;

**let all the people praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and sing with joy,

**for you guide the nations upon the earth.**

Let the people praise you, O God;

**let all the people praise you!**

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 Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

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Call to Confession

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

**Merciful and wise God,**

**In your presence we confess that we have not lived as you taught us to live. Forgive us when we have not welcomed others into our community. Forgive us when we have judged unfairly. Reveal to us our own prejudice which separates us from others and our failure to seek your goodness in those who seem different from us.**

*Silence is observed*

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

Dear friends, while it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

**Amen!**

Anthem "Nothing Left To Say" ~ Martin/Angerman ~ Amber Swanger

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Matthew 15:10-28 *(Common English Bible)*

**10** Jesus called the crowd near and said to them, "Listen and understand. **11** It's not what goes into the mouth that contaminates a person in God's sight. It's what comes out of the mouth that contaminates the person." **12** Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended by what you just said?" **13** Jesus replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father didn't plant will be pulled up. **14** Leave the Pharisees alone. They are blind people who are guides to blind people. But if a blind person leads another blind person, they will both fall into a ditch." **15** Then Peter spoke up, "Explain this riddle to us." **16** Jesus said, "Don't you understand yet? **17** Don't you know that everything that goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? **18** But what goes out of the mouth comes from the heart. And that's what contaminates a person in God's sight. **19** Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adultery, sexual sins, thefts, false testimonies, and insults. **20** These contaminate a person in God's sight. But eating without washing hands doesn't contaminate in God's sight." **21** From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. **22** A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, "Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession." **23** But he didn't respond to her at all. His disciples came and urged him, "Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us." **24** Jesus replied, "I've been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel." **25** But she knelt before him and said, "Lord, help me." **26** He replied, "It is not good to take the children's bread and toss it to dogs." **27** She said, "Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters' table." **28** Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish." And right then her daughter was healed.

Sermon "Show Me Mercy" ~ 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

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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\*Charge and Benediction

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

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

**Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28**

Daily Readings for August 16 – 22 use the following web link:

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



**Prayer List Additions as of 8/16/2020**

*Brook Stone Living Center, Walter Byrd (Jane Sobotor's brother)*

*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.

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

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**Congregational Meetings after Sunday Worship Service**

*September 13<sup>th</sup>: Meeting to elect the Officer Nominating Committee*

*September 27<sup>th</sup>: Meeting to receive the report from the Officer Nominating Committee & elect Elders*

## I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:  
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;  
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.  
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;  
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

## 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.