

POLLOCKSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

August 30, 2020

Prelude

"Prelude in E Flat Minor"

~ Bach ~

"Passaglia"

~ Handel ~

Welcome and Announcements

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

Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

We will sing praises for all that God has done.

Let your hearts be joyful!

We will seek God's presence continually.

Call to mind God's wonderful works.

We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!

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

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

See Insert

Call to Confession

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

O God, though you satisfy our deepest desires we confess together that we have often turned away from you:

We have sought meaning in shallow places.

We have clung to old hurts and familiar habits.

We have nursed anger and envy.

We have been self-absorbed and lacked compassion.

We have turned our backs on those in need.

Forgive what we have been, amend who we are, and guide us toward what we may become according to your grace.

Silence is observed

Assurance of Pardon (*Responsive*)

(Source- *2 Corinthians 5:17 and the Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Friends in Christ, Paul declared that from now on, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away. See, everything has become new! Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start through God's grace.

Amen!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Exodus 2:11-3:22

(Common English Bible)

2:11 One day after Moses had become an adult, he went out among his people and he saw their forced labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. **12** He looked around to make sure no one else was there. Then he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. **13** When Moses went out the next day, he saw two Hebrew men fighting with each other. Moses said to the one who had started the fight, "Why are you abusing your fellow Hebrew?" **14** He replied, "Who made you a boss or judge over us? Are you planning to kill me like you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid when he realized: They obviously know what I did. **15** When Pharaoh heard about it, he tried to kill Moses. But Moses ran away from Pharaoh and settled down in the land of Midian. One day Moses was sitting by a well. **16** Now there was a Midianite priest who had seven daughters. The daughters came to draw water and fill the troughs so that their father's flock could drink. **17** But some shepherds came along and rudely chased them away. Moses got up, rescued the women, and gave their flock water to drink. **18** When they went back home to their father Reuel, he asked, "How were you able to come back home so soon today?" **19** They replied, "An Egyptian man rescued us from a bunch of shepherds. Afterward, he even helped us draw water to let the flock drink." **20** Reuel said to his daughters, "So where is he? Why did you leave this man? Invite him to eat a meal with us." **21** Moses agreed to come and live with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses as his wife. **22** She gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, "because," he said, "I've been an immigrant living in a foreign land." **23** A long time passed, and the Egyptian king died. The Israelites were still groaning because of their hard work. They cried out, and their cry to be rescued from the hard work rose up to God. **24** God heard their cry of grief, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **25** God looked at the Israelites, and God understood. **3:1** Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. **2** The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. **3** Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up. **4** When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses said, "I'm here." **5** Then the Lord said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." **6** He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. **7** Then the Lord said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. **8** I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. **9** Now the Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. **10** So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." **11** But Moses said to God, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" **12** God said, "I'll be with you. And this will show you that I'm the one who sent you. After you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain." **13** But Moses said to God, "If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they are going to ask me, 'What's this God's name?' What am I supposed to say to them?" **14** God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. So say to the Israelites, 'I Am has sent me to you.'" **15** God continued, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how all generations will remember me. **16** "Go and get Israel's elders together and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me. The Lord said, "I've been paying close attention to you and to what has been done to you in Egypt. **17** I've decided to take you away from the harassment in Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land full of milk and honey.'" **18** They will accept what you say to them. Then you and Israel's elders will go to Egypt's king and say to him, 'The Lord, the Hebrews' God, has met with us. So now let us go on a three-day journey into the desert so that we can offer sacrifices to the Lord our God.' **19** However, I know that Egypt's king won't let you go unless he's forced to do it. **20** So I'll use my strength and hit Egypt with dramatic displays of my power. After that, he'll let you go. **21** "I'll make it so that when you leave Egypt, the Egyptians will be kind to you and you won't go away empty-handed. **22** Every woman will ask her neighbor along with the immigrant in her household for their silver and their gold jewelry as well as their clothing. Then you will put it on your sons and daughters, and you will rob the Egyptians."

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.

*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

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"Prelude in G Minor"

~ Buxtehude ~

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6,23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Daily Readings for August 30 – September 5 use the following web link:

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

Prayer List Additions as of 8/30/2020

The Family of Carl Abee (friend of Steve Long), Hazel Ann Atkinson, Brook Stone Living Center & its Residents, Ed Edmondson, Cliff Griswold, Gera Howe - (upcoming surgery), Dave Kocher (Amber Swanger's Father - upcoming surgery), Jon Link (Pastor T. Wes' cousin), The Family of Edna Smith, & Chris Taylor

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.

Congregational Meetings after Sunday Worship Service

September 13th: Meeting to elect the Officer Nominating Committee

September 27th: Meeting to receive the report from the Officer Nominating Committee & elect Elders

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet . a - men of peace;
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.