

MERRITT ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Leading in Worship: Rev. Christina A. Greenawalt and Karri Fjeldheim

August 9, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Facebook Live Stream

10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Greenawalt

Call to Worship (**responsive**):

Liturgist

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: A family formed by faith, we gather to worship the Living Lord.

Leader: Lifelong followers seeking sustenance, new disciples searching for grace—

People: a family fashioned by faith, we gather to kneel before the Giver of Mercy.

Leader: Children of God, come!

People: The Lord gathers us in and calls us his own.

All: Let us praise God!

Hymn # 263:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!*

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Prayer of Confession (**unison**):

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (**responsive**):

Liturgist

One: Friends, the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Receive the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others, in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Response to Assurance:

Glory to God

Hymn # 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Passing of the Peace (**responsive**):

Written by the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow

One: May we receive and offer the peace Christ offers.

All: The peace of Christ be with you.

One: And also with you.

All: The peace of Christ be with our neighbors, our friends, and our families.

One: And also with you.

**All: The peace of Christ be with the stranger, our enemies,
and those who are feared.**

One: And also with you.

All: The peace of Christ be with the world and all of God's beloved.

One: And also with you.

**All: Sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ, hear the Good News that in the life, death, and resurrection of
Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.**

One: Let us be at peace with ourselves and with all we meet.

All: Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music:

More Like You, Lord

Caroline Fjeldheim, soloist

New Testament Reading:

Matthew 15:10-28

Rev. Greenawalt

One: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to You, O Christ!**

Message:

Great Faith and Dogged Perseverance

Rev. Christina Greenawalt

Hymn # 649:

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (verses 1-4)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Invitation to the Offering

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Response:

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son. Give thanks, give thanks.

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn # 749:

Come! Live in the Light (vs. 3)

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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Announcements

Thank you to Rev. Christina Greenawalt for filling our pulpit again today! Rev. Greenawalt is an endangered species, a Native Floridian. She met her husband while visiting the Magic Kingdom in 1995 – it truly is the most magical place on earth 😊. They just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on June 24th and enjoy living the “country” life out in Chuluota, a rural part of Seminole County - near Oviedo.

Christina joined the staff of Central Florida Presbytery at the end of 2017 and became the Assistant Stated Clerk this past December. Most Sundays, you can find Christina filling pulpits within Central Florida. She is grateful for the opportunity to experience worship in different ways, meet new people and offer a time of rest and renewal to the pastors of those congregations.

We are so grateful to our tech team! (James Neihouse, Joe Neihouse, Leslie Neihouse, Brian Poland, Jason Poirier and Leslie Mitchell.) If you experience any difficulties accessing, seeing or hearing the service, please comment on the Facebook page, or email the church office. We are in a learning curve so your patience is appreciated.

Thank you, Maryrose Beerman, Caroline Fjeldheim and Chad McClellan, for providing the beautiful music today!

Happy Birthday to:

Thursday, August 13: Van Stoner

Saturday, August 15: Susan Hall

Happy Anniversary to:

Thursday August 13: Don & Mary Lynne Webster

Quarterly Giving Statements are available. If you would like a copy emailed or US Mailed to you, please call or email the church office.

Our Prayers are with:* Art Arteaga, Steven Red Buffalo Jr., Betty Cox, Gene Goolsby, Sara Hall, Betty Hull, Andre Koodie, Sophia and Zane Loulaf, Bob & Joan Milvae, Tom & Mary Jane Page, Wanda Payne, and Courtney Penderson.

** We will keep this list going for those who need prayers. Please contact the office with any additions or subtractions. Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested.*

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