



**MADISON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Madison Presbyterian Church

October 18, 2020 — 10:00 A.M.

20th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

If you are led to do so, please feel free to sing the hymns softly with Jonathan under your mask.

PRELUDE

Prelude

Kern

WELCOME

INVOCATION

L: Dearest Holy God, good morning! You, our loving God, are deserving of the very best we have to offer: the devotion of our hearts, the place of honor in our priorities and the first fruits of our labors.

R: We come to this place of worship, asking you to be here with us. Speak your message of love and mercy, and, Lord, challenge us. We welcome your Spirit in an effort to abandon control, because we want to open ourselves in faith and to trust your purposes and your plan. Come, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer; we pray in your name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please introduce yourself before speaking.)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

R: Serve the Lord with gladness!

L: Come into his presence with singing!

R: Know that the Lord, he is God!

L: It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

R: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

L: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**R: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. Let us worship God!**

HYMN

Seek Ye First

(see text following)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

The law of God was written on tablets of stones and given to Moses. But the people could not be freed of their sins by the law. With Jesus we can be set free from the bonds of this earth. We only need to believe, confess and repent. Let us pray.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, almost every day we wrestle with overwhelming choices: life or death, love or hate, possessions or freedom. Often we choose wisely, but then there are those other times.

R: Our wants get confused with our needs. Our "must-haves" overshadow our satisfaction with ourselves, our loved ones, even life itself.

L: But still, Heavenly Father, you welcome each and every one of us.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

L: Lord, give us the vision and wisdom to see your way clearly.

R: Empower us with your grace and courage so that we might take the higher path. In all things, keep us faithful. Forgive us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us and grants us mercy and grace. Believe the Good News of the Gospel. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

R: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** Gloria Patri 581

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:15-22 (see text following)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE Jesus Cannot Be Fooled Elder Sandy Fox

ANTHEM Shall We Gather at the River

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*THE APOSTLES' CREED 35

*DOXOLOGY 606

MOMENT FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(using "debts" and "debtors")* 35

*HYMN Great Is Thy Faithfulness (see text following)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude Couperin

Thank you for being with us in worship. If you are new in the area or are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us for worship, fellowship, study and service.

LITURGIST — Kay Lou Adams

USHERS — Connie Huntington and Ken Brunner

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. (Refrain)

(Refrain)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, Stephen Goldsmith, Mary Louise Grimes, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Betty King, Joan Knowland, Beth Orrill, Alicia Ricketts, Jennifer Saroka, Ted Skrypak, Staci Torres, Sondie Williams, Greg Ziesemer.

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Family and Friends: Mark Ashbrook, Karen Ault, Steve Baker, Michelle Barlow, the family of Bud Bunton, Michael Busching, James Callahan, Becky Chase, children separated from their parents, Marie Cross, Jeff Dagher, Andrew Damm, Angel Dart, Phillip Eades, Steve Facemire, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Milly Harness, Sarah Hull, Curtis Jacobs, Heidi Kendall and family, Joni Lanham, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's twin brother), James Lutes, Madison Correctional Facility, Madison State Hospital, Shane Mason, Amanda McCurry (Cathy Owsley's niece), Bob Rouse, Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, Dan Shearer, Laryssa Smith, Jody Sullivan, Trey Taylor, Kenneth Thompson (Harriette Parton's grandson), Rodney Thompson, Jean Trillet (Jim Grant's sister), Warren (friend of Bob and Judith Glass), Dawson Whitaker, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Kyle Wilson.

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MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar for the Week of October 18

José and Madison Becerra

Isla, Opal and Ezra

Susie and Jesse Stillwell

Elisa Belle

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“We are part of the Family of God! As a Christian family, we seek to practice the generous hospitality of Jesus Christ, who welcomes all. As a worshipping family, we seek to enhance and expand our experience of God in worship.

As a family of Christ’s disciples, we seek to grow in our understanding of God’s grace and God’s claim upon our lives. As a mission-oriented family,

we express our faith in action. As an historic Presbyterian family in a contemporary setting, we are rooted and grounded in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as we strive to remain relevant to the needs of our community.

As the joyful children of God, we live in faith, hope and love!”

THE SESSION

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
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