



**MADISON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# Madison Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2020 — 10:00 A.M.

## 15th 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**                      Introductory Voluntary                      Linley

### **WELCOME**

### **INVOCATION**

L: Good morning, God of Grace! We're happy to be here, because you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you and voices to sing your praise.

**R: Lord, fill us with your Spirit; we want to understand the depths of God's love and forgiveness. As we sing your praises this day and hear your Word spoken, help us to forgive even as we have been forgiven. We give you thanks, for your mercy is truly without limit. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      (Please introduce yourself before speaking.)

### **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In ancient times, the people knew God was with them.

**R: Even when they were slaves in Egypt, the people knew God had not abandoned them.**

L: God showed great power in bringing the people of Israel to new life through the Exodus.

**R: God's love and power delivers us from slavery, and God's forgiveness has given us freedom. Come, let us worship our God of Grace whose loving mercy gives us new beginnings.**

**HYMN**                      When Morning Gilds the Skies                      (see text following)

### **THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us prepare to confess before God. We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. Let us offer our prayers to God.



## RESPONDING IN FAITH

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED 35

\*DOXOLOGY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

\*HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (see text following)

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Presto Moller

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** — Bill Ohlendorf

**USHERS** — Mike Dorsey and Gregg Mayberry

### **When Morning Gilds the Skies**

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

# Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

## **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving  
for the goodness of our Lord.

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Congregation:** Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, Mike Dorsey, the family of Judy George, Stephen Goldsmith, Mary Louise Grimes, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Betty King, Joan Knowland, Beth Orrill, Alicia Ricketts, Jennifer Saroka, Staci Torres, Sondie Williams, Greg Zieseemer.

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**Family and Friends:** Mark Ashbrook, Karen Ault, Steve Baker, Michelle Barlow, Michael Busching, James Callahan, Becky Chase, children separated from their parents, Marie Cross, Chip Custer, 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 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, 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 September 13**

Erik Brunner and Pamela Brown

Coda Kingslea

Chris Prime

Don and Peggy Clapham

# The Madison Presbyterian Church

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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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Shari Vaughn Worship	Connie Huntington Finance	Heather Owsley-Smith Mission

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