



**MADISON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Madison Presbyterian Church

September 20, 2020 — 10:00 A.M.

16th 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

Voluntary

Loud

WELCOME

INVOCATION

L: Good morning, Father God! We're filled with joy that you have called us this morning, called us to worship and praise you.

R: Lord, we pray that you will save us from talking and acting as if our faith is the result of our efforts. We know that you are the source of any goodness within us. You gave your only son that we might have an opportunity to share in your kingdom. He gave us your Spirit to guide us. Thank you, Creator; thank you, Jesus; thank you, great Triune God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please introduce yourself before speaking.)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 105

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

R: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

L: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

R: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

L: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered. O offspring of his servant Abraham.

R: He opened the rock, and the water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

L: So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing,

R: that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

Let us praise and worship God!

HYMN Lead On, O King Eternal! (see text following)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

If you want to be forgiven, you must confess. God wants to hear from you; he wants to hear the good and the not so good. We all have fallen short of God's glory. Let us confess our sin before God.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Gracious God, we have gone far from you. We confess that we have become consumed with our own affairs.

R: Especially in these challenging times, we seldom pause to listen for the wind in the trees. We don't even know if children have happy voices in these days. Sometimes we feel that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders; we have been slow to put our trust in you.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

L: Lord, make us patient with our mistakes.

R: Remind us that we are precious in your sight, not because we are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own. We pray in the name of Jesus, the 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

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE Philippians 1:21-30 (see text following)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE Is There Joy in Suffering? Elder Sandy Fox

ANTHEM More Love to Thee, O Christ

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*THE APOSTLES' CREED		35
*DOXOLOGY		
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
Silent Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer	<i>(using "debts" and "debtors")</i>	35
*HYMN	My Faith Looks Up to Thee	(see text following)
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Cornet Voluntary	Travers

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 — Don Wiest

USHERS — Dianna Terry and Carole Hanson

Lead On, O King Eternal!

Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords; loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

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, Bud Bunton, 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 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, 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 20

Gary and Katie Mathews

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Alexia and Torsten Moderau

Bob and Pat Hughes

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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>
Don Wiest Christian Education	Natalie Willis Buildings and Grounds	Rick laCour Fellowship
Dianna Terry Fellowship	Mike Dorsey Personnel	Jim Bartlett Membership
Shari Vaughn Worship	Connie Huntington Finance	Heather Owsley-Smith Mission

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