



# **MADISON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# Madison Presbyterian Church

September 12, 2021 — 10:00 A.M.

## 16th Sunday after Pentecost

### GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

#### PRELUDE

Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

Bach

#### WELCOME

#### INVOCATION

L: Dear God, you are the Holy One of mystery and power; there is no god like you in heaven above or on earth below.

**R: We have come to praise and honor your holy name.**

L: Great Triune God, we are here to worship you, filled with gratitude as we recognize that you have kept your promises with steadfast love.

**R: Lord, we pray that you would give us pure and upright hearts, filling our lives with your glory as we come into your presence. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### DEACONS' MINUTE

#### INTROIT

from Psalm 116

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.

#### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 40:28-31

L: Have you know known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**R: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.**

L: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted.

**R: But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.**

L: We shall mount up with wings like eagles.

**R: We shall run and not be weary. We shall walk and not be faint. Let us worship God.**

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

L: We turn to God in prayer, not because we feel like we have to, but because God invites us. We come to God, not because of our righteousness, but because of God's grace. Let us offer this prayer of confession. Let us pray.

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: Gracious God, we live our lives as best we can.

**R: We deal with difficult situations and failures, and we move into each new day with as much joy as we can muster.**

(A period of silence is observed.)

L: Lord, we seldom have the right answers so we seek your wisdom.

**R: Forgive us for not asking for your guidance. Fill us by the power of your Holy Spirit, with love and wisdom, so that we might live lives of goodness and peace. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. 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.

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

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

### **ANTHEM**

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace

Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

The darkness is no darkness with thee,  
but the night is as clear as the day.

The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

### **COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Mark 9:30-37

N.T. 45

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: **Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Don't Be Afraid

## **RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**\*HYMN**                      The Church of Christ in Every Age                      320

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**                      35

### **OFFERING**

Offertory                      Prelude and Fugue in C                      Bach

Regular Offering/Deacons' Offering

\*Doxology                      606 \*Prayer of Dedication

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

**\*HYMN**                      I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me                      700

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**                      I'm Going Home                      Breedlove

Farewell, vain world! I'm going home!

My Savior smiles and bids me come, and I don't care to stay here long!

See angels beckon me away to sing God's praise in endless day,

and I don't care to stay here long.

Rise up, yonder Christians, away up yonder.

Oh, yes, my Lord, for I don't care to stay here long.

And though I know I'm bound to die, from grief and pain, my soul shall fly

and I don't care to stay here long.

Bright angels then shall take me home away to New Jerusalem,

and I don't care to stay here long.

**Church members will please remain following the service for the**

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**LITURGIST**—Don Clapham

**USHERS**—Heather Owsley-Smith and Janet Castor

**GREETERS**—Tom and Sandy Gold

**NURSERY ATTENDANT**—Mary Beth Cullens

### **A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

### **MARK 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

### **THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE**

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

### **I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME**

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Week of September 12, 2021

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**Congregational Meeting:** The Session has called a congregational meeting to follow worship this morning. All members are encouraged to attend and vote for nominees to the Pastor Nominating Committee. This is a very important event in the life of the church. Let us all take part in this process.

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**Peace and Global Witness Offering:** This special offering that shares the peace of Christ in all times and all ways will be received on October 3, World-wide Communion Sunday.

### **PRAYER LIST**

**Congregation:** Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Crystal Bayne, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, David Daghir, Sandy Fox, Shannon Glass, Sandy Gold, Mary Louise Grimes, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Betty King, Lexi Moderau, Beth Orrill, Cathy Owsley, Alicia Ricketts, Pam Sandoz, Jennifer Saroka, Ted Skrypak, Staci Torres, Sondie Williams, Greg Zieseemer.

**Family and Friends:** Anne and Ralph Armand, Karen Ault, Cher and Carah Jo Austin, Steve Baker, Michelle Barlow, Michael Busching, James Callahan, Becky Chase, children separated from their parents, Ruth Cole, Marie Cross, Jeff Daghir, Andrew Damm, Angel Dart, Jordan Davis, Phillip Eades, Mary Estes, 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), Madison Correctional Facility, Madison State Hospital, Shane Mason, Mary Kay McCubbin, Yolanda Modley, Margie and Frank Moller (Connie Huntington's sister and brother-in-law), Dennis Park, Ashley Pollert, Bob Rouse, Lou Ann Ryhal, Janet Savage (Cathy Owsley's sister), Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, John Schutte (Carole Hanson's son-in-law), Dan Shearer, Laryssa Smith, Lyn Stalford, Joe Stilwell, Jody Sullivan, Trey Taylor, Kenneth Thompson (Harriette Parton's grandson), Rodney Thompson, Jean Trillet (Jim Grant's sister), Staci Turner, Warren (friend of Bob and Judith Glass), Dawson Whitaker, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Kyle Wilson.

### **MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar for the Week of September 12**

Erik Brunner and Pamela Brown

Coda Kingslea

Chris Prime

Don and Peggy Clapham



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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>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Mike Dorsey Personnel	Rick la Cour Fellowship	Marlene Bateman Membership
Connie Huntington Finance	Jim Bartlett Technology	Shari Vaughn Worship
Natalie Willis Buildings and Grounds	Heather Owsley-Smith Mission	Don Wiest Christian Education

## BOARD OF DEACONS

Ken Brunner	Amanda Corbin	Crystal Bayne
Janet Castor	Bill Ohlendorf, Moderator	Laurie Dorsey
Gregg Mayberry	Dan Smith	

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Al Huntington	Mary Davee	Ron Bateman
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**PASTOR**—Sandy Fox

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**YOUTH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR**—Dave Adams

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY**—Shannon Glass

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