CHRIST CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN September 1, 2019

"Singing the Good News"

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Christ Church Presbyterian 12th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2019

9:30 A.M.

Called to love, serve and witness.

Thought as we enter worship

Mercy is literally love in action. —Nelson Searcy

GATHERING

Quiet meditation time (Please fill out a blue or pink card with any prayer requests and put it in the collection plate.) – Thanks

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary! Praise him in the sky, which testifies to his strength! **Praise him for his mighty acts! Praise him for his surpassing greatness!**

Praise him with the blast of the horn! Praise him with the lyre and the harp!

Praise him with the tambourine and with dancing! Praise him with stringed instruments and the flute!

Praise him with loud cymbals! Praise him with clanging cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! --- Psalm 150

*INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)

O Lord, today we have come to mourn our selfishness, celebrate your goodness and to serve each other in love. Today we will sing your praises, lament our sin and proclaim your love and grace. It is with joy we come together to rejoice in your great acts of love and mercy. Accept now, we pray, our praise and worship for you are worthy of all adoration and acclaim. This we ask in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*HYMN GREEN "Gather Us In" (vs 1 & 4)

*CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON "Psalm 51"
Lord have mercy.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord have mercy.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;

Therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart

Lord have mercy.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit away from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Create me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Create me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you **And also with you.**

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

*GLORIA PATRI - # 579

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD

HYMN

HEARING GOD'S WORD: Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the godly and the congregation.

The LORD's deeds are great, eagerly awaited by all who desire them.

His work is majestic and glorious, and his faithfulness endures forever.

He does amazing things that will be remembered; the LORD is merciful and compassionate.

He gives food to his faithful followers; he always remembers his covenant.

He announced that he would do mighty deeds for his people, giving them a land that belonged to other nations.

His acts are characterized by faithfulness and justice; all his precepts are reliable.

They are forever firm, and should be faithfully and properly carried out.

He delivered his people; he ordained that his covenant be observed forever. His name is holy and awesome.

To obey the LORD is the fundamental principle for wise living; all who carry out his precepts acquire good moral insight. He will receive praise forever.

MESSAGE "Singing the Good News"

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND

THE OFFERING

*LIFTING PRAISE TO GOD - HYMN #593 The Doxology

*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, let our congregation be a witness to you. May we be immersed in scripture, constant in prayer, joyful in worship, and generous in giving. O God, may our responses to you create a loving, supportive community reaching out to those in need. Accept these gifts we offer and use them to further your work in our world. This we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING OUT IN SERVICE

*CLOSING HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,

Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

With thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do,

In word or deed,

Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

Giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col. 3:16-17

*HYMN BLUE #280 "Amazing Grace"
*POSTLUDE

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*Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

Church office hours: 8 am to Noon Monday through Thursday.
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