CHRIST CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN
September 29, 2019

"Finding Your Voice"

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Christ Church Presbyterian
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2019   10:30 A.M.

Called to love, serve and witness.

Thought as we enter worship
Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing. —Elie Wiesel

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**
Leader: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.
People: But who are we that God would call us?
Leader: You are the beloved children of God.
People: But we can be weak. We don't speak well. We're not preachers
Leader: God is with you. Do not be afraid.
People: We will trust in God's presence and speak the word God gives us.
All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

***HYMN   BLUE   #466   "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
        This morning, O God, your voice sounds into our lives again. We are grateful to hear your call, for we confess that too often we listen to other voices…voices that call us to care only for ourselves, that urge us to serve other gods, that tell us to care more about our bank accounts and our egos and our ideologies than we do about others. We find ourselves trapped in our anxiety, enslaved by our work, controlled by our need to be in control, and lost in our excuses. Forgive us, Lord, and let us hear your call to compassion, freedom, and redemption. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: When we do not know what to say,

People: God hears the cries of our hearts.
Leader: Place your trust in God's grace and in God's redeeming love.
People: We trust in God's presence and rejoice in God's forgiveness.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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.

* BLUE   #579   *"Gloria Patri"*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD
THE WORD THROUGH MUSIC – ANTHEM   *"Come Home"*
                                                    arr. by Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman

CHILDREN'S SERMON
SCRIPTURE   Jeremiah 1:4-10   The Call of Jeremiah
       The word of the LORD came to me, saying,
       "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."
        "Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."
         But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. [8] Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.
        Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. [10] See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

THE MESSAGE   *"Finding Your Voice"*

*HYMN   BLUE   #339   *"Be Thou My Vision"*

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND
MINUTE FOR MISSION -- PEACE OFFERING   Rae Rochester
THE OFFERING & Noisy Offering
*LIFTING PRAISE TO GOD – HYMN #593   *The Doxology*

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES
*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving
Gracious and loving God, receive our gifts of self and substance. They have belonged to you since before we were born. We offer them freely, joyfully, prayerfully. With them we praise you. With them we celebrate the great power that is your love…a love that abides always, that radically transforms, and that makes us whole. Amen.

SENDING OUT IN SERVICE
*CLOSING HYMN   BLUE   #343   *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
*POSTLUDE

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