

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 23, 2017

7th Sunday after Pentecost / 16th Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 11

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together.

We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

John McCallum

PRELUDE

Organ

“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling”

Arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP:

John McCallum

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is
your name in all the earth!

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.

Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from “Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.” © 2014

***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

(Hymn #43)

(VERSE 1)

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.

(VERSE 2)

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.

(VERSE 3)

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.

(VERSE 4)

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
thro' 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.

"IN CHRIST ALONE"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
In Christ alone! Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -

For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!

And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

CCLI Song #3350395/© 2001 Thankyou Music/Keith Getty | Stuart Townend/For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. www.ccli.com/CCLI License #296507

TIME OF PRAYER

Karen Colvin

Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion." © 2014

Call to Confession

Sisters and brothers,
all who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God.
We did not receive a spirit of slavery
to fall back into fear,
but we have received a spirit of adoption.
Let us then confess our sin
with the freedom of children who know
how deeply they are loved.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
your creatures cry—creation groans—**

**but we turn away;
we surround ourselves with noise.
We are quick to excuse ourselves from
responsibility:
we are young; we are old;
we are tired; we are busy.
It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.**

**Life-giving God,
wash us clean.
Restore our imaginations and our hearts.
Let your courage and compassion flow through
our veins
until we love with abandon
and our hands reach out in blessing,
for the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Declaration of Forgiveness

My fellow children of God,
do not fear,
for our God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love
and faithfulness.
God's hand shall lead us and hold us fast.
So be reconciled with God and at peace with one
another.

Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion." © 2014

SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

“SEEK YE FIRST”

(VERSE 1)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

(VERSE 2)

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word that proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

(VERSE 3)

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be
Opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

CCLI SONG NO. 1352 © 1972 MARANATHA! MUSIC | CCCM MUSIC (ADMIN. BY MARANATHA! MUSIC) | (ADMIN. BY MARANATHA! MUSIC) KAREN LAFFERTY FOR USE SOLELY WITH THE SONGSELECT TERMS OF USE. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. WWW.CCLI.COM CCLI LICENSE NO. 296507

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Karen Colvin

Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion." © 2014

Invitation to the Offering

Friends, Holy Scripture tells us that
all who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God.

Given such a divine affirmation,
let us give offerings of thanksgiving! **Amen.**

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Loving and ever-present God,
receive these tithes and offerings,
our worship,
and our lives to your service;
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion." © 2014

*You may bring your offering and light a candle at the front or back
of the sanctuary.*

Junior Chapel is on summer break. If needed, the nursery is available for your children during the worship service.

Offertory

“A Garden Song”

Organ

Karl Goldmark

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Gen Fiorino

Proverbs 12:13, 16–19 (NIV)

¹³ Evildoers are trapped by their sinful talk,
and so the innocent escape trouble.,

¹⁶ Fools show their annoyance at once,
but the prudent overlook an insult.

¹⁷ An honest witness tells the truth,
but a false witness tells lies.

¹⁸ The words of the reckless pierce like swords,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

¹⁹ Truthful lips endure forever,
but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 (NIV)

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

³⁸ “The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

MESSAGE

Jamie Fiorino

“Weeping And Gnashing Of Teeth”

In lieu of a reflection question, there will be a voluntary time of “debriefing” after worship today. Please meet at the front of the sanctuary in the first couple of pews.

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS JUSTICE AND JOY”

(Hymn #712)

(VERSE 1)

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God’s power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

(VERSE 2)

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

(VERSE 3)

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice;
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgment for gain or for loss.

(VERSE 4)

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All in all.

BENEDICTION

Jamie Fiorino

POSTLUDE

Organ

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

Arr. Wilbur Held

* * * * *

Our guest preacher this morning is Jamie Fiorino Her favorite Old Testament story is the left-handed warrior named Ehud, found in Judges 3, and her favorite Jesus story is when he sends the evil spirits into a herd of pigs, found in Matthew 8. Soon to be a Princeton Seminary graduate (299 days--who's counting?!), Jamie hopes to return to the Northwest after graduating.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Genesis 28:10–19a

Psalms 139:1–12, 23–24

Romans 8:12–25

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

Questions for Reflection

How has your understanding of the relationship between suffering and faith (or vulnerability and trust) changed over time? What experiences of God's grace do you need to acknowledge and anoint?

Household Prayer: Morning

In whatever shelter I wake this morning
I know this place is holy because you meet me here.
As I wash my body and prepare for the day,
I remember baptismal waters and the claim upon my life.
Wherever darkness looms, Sovereign God,
 traffic in mercy this day.
Traffic in mercy this day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As darkness spreads over the land,
 I trust that you move in it.
As I yield the night to sleep and dreams,
 I pray you would remake me
 into a servant bold,
for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

*The Morning & Evening Household Prayers and Questions for Reflection
are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press
from "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion." © 2014*