

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 12, 2017

23rd Sunday after Pentecost / 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time / Proper 27

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

Rev. Don Meekhof

PRELUDE

Organ/Piano duet

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Fred Bock

ANTHEM

Choir

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Isaac Watts, from Psalm 23 / Southern Harmony

Arr. Jay Althouse

Greetings from PCUSA Missions

Rev. Paul Seebeck

***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“FAITH OF OUR FATHERS”

(Hymn #692)

(VERSE 1)

Faith of our fathers! living still
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword:
O how our hearts beat high with joy
when e'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

(VERSE 2)

Faith of our fathers! we will strive
to win all nations unto thee,
and through the truth that comes from God,
we all shall then be truly free.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

(VERSE 3)

Faith of our fathers! we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife:
and preach thee too, as love knows how,
by kindly words and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Worship in the Knox Sanctuary

**Rev. Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, Executive
Presbytery of the Inland Norwest**

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 90:1–2, 14, 17*

Lord, you have been our refuge

From one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and
the sea were born,

From age to age you are God.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning,

**So we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our
life.**

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,

And prosper the work of our hands.

**On the Occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Worship
at Knox Presbyterian Church**

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our
being,

Hear our prayer.

[Silent Prayer]

For the church universal, and for this congregation of
your people,

We give you thanks, O God.

For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer,
witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ
the Lord,

We give you thanks, O God.

For your presence among us whenever your Word has
been proclaimed, your sacramental gifts of bread
and wine shared,

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who have been made your children by
adoption and grace, who in this place were
cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of
baptism, and raised to new and eternal life,

We give you thanks, O God.

For disciples young and old who have been nurtured
here in faith.

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have come here asking your blessing in
marriage, seeking to love with your love,

We give you thanks, O God.

For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved
us, and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for
the work of ministry,

We give you thanks, O God.

For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others,
serving you by loving neighbors,

We give you thanks, O God.

For all the saints who have stood among us, whose
memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our
witness,

We give you thanks, O God.

For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and
fellowship, and for all whose lives have been
touched by them,

We give you thanks, O God.

All pray together:

**In the years that lie ahead, grant us your
encouragement in the work of ministry, your
consolation in our defeats, and your challenge to our
complacency.**

**Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit that we
may find joy and peace in our common life, strength**

and courage to live in the world for your reign, and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

(Hymn #78)

(VERSE 1)

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

(VERSE 2)

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

(VERSE 3)

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

(VERSE 4)

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

(VERSE 5)

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its years away,
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

(VERSE 6)

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home!

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Rev. Don Meekhof

Call to Confession:

Rev. Keith Beebe

Jesus says in Mathew 11:28–30, *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

Come all you who are weary and burdened and learn from Jesus who sits at the right hand of God and intercedes for us, as we confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

We find in our daily walk the same law at work, as did the Apostle Paul, who found that he wanted to do good but evil was right there with him as it is with us. For although we take delight in God’s law; another law is working in us, waging war against the law of our mind that wants us to do good but making us a prisoner of the law of sin at work in us. When we deny and claim to be without sin we know we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. We confess this internal struggle to live righteously but too often we miss the mark. Often we do not acknowledge or take responsibility for our actions. Who will rescue us from this sin that causes internal conflict and leads to death?

(Adapted from Romans 7:21-24 and 1 John 1:8)

[Silent Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

Thanks be to God who delivers us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because when we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. For it is by God’s grace you have been saved, through your faith in God—and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift from God—not by works,

so we can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

(Adapted from Romans 7:25, 1 John 1:9 and Ephesians 2:8-10)

SONG OF WORSHIP:

please remain seated

Played on the Centenary Organ (130 years old)

"MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE"

(Hymn #552)

(VERSE 1)

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!

(VERSE 2)

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!

(VERSE 3)

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.

(VERSE 4)

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!

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Karen Colvin

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Invitation to the Offering

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being.
In the company of the upright,
let us honor God for the blessings and goodness we
have received.

***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.**

Offering Prayer

O God, most merciful and gracious,
of whose bounty we have all received,
accept this offering of your people.
Remember in your love those who have brought it
and those for whom it is given,
and so follow it with your blessing
that it may promote peace and goodwill among all
peoples,
and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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*Please be seated. The ushers will pass the offering plates.
The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.*

Offertory

“Prière À Notre-Dame”

Organ

(from “Suite Gothique”)

Léon Boëllmann

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Rev. Dick Avery

Psalm 15:1–5 A Psalm of David (11 commandments)

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? ² *The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;* ³ *whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;* ⁴ *who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;* ⁵ *who lends money to the poor without interest, who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.* Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Micah 6:8 (three commandments) He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? *To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

Habakkuk 2:4 (one commandment) “See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but *the righteous person will live by his faith.* **Romans 1:17** “For in the gospel a righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written, ‘The righteous will live by faith.’” **Galatians 3:11** “Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for the righteous shall live by faith.”

Ephesians 2:8–10 ^(NIV) ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Romans 10:5-17 ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ ***How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”***

¹⁷**Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.**

**“Faith, God’s Love, God’s Grace:”
100 Years of Worship in God’s House”**

Sermon Text: “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.” (Romans 10:17) “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8) ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:14-15)

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“AMAZING GRACE”

(Hymn #502)

(VERSE 1)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

(VERSE 2)

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

(VERSE 3)

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures

(VERSE 4)

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

(VERSE 5)

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Tom Tiffany

POSTLUDE

Organ/Piano duet

"The Church's One Foundation"

Samuel Wesley / Arr. Frank W. Aspen

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In the pulpit today: Ruling Elder Dr. Tom Tiffany has a PhD in Biochemistry and was board certified in Clinical Chemistry. He served in the healthcare clinical laboratory field for more than forty years. He is a long-time member of Knox Presbyterian Church receiving his church membership under Rev. Bill Tatum in 1963. Tom graduated from EWSC (now EWU) in 1965 and received his doctorate degree in biochemistry and biophysics at Oregon State University in 1969. He is a Ruling Elder and currently is President of the Deacons. He also served on the Committee (Commission) on Ministry for the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest and as chair in 2014. Tom has completed all requirements for Credentialed Ruling Elder (CRE). He has provided pulpit supply and worship leadership for several churches. He served two years as a Seminary Exam reader from the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest for PCUSA reading exams in Theology and Exegesis.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25

Psalm 78:1–7

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Matthew 25:1–11

Question for Reflection

How would it change your life if you were to wait expectantly for the return of Christ?

Household Prayer: Morning

Creator of all, I awake to the day you have made
with praise on my lips,
for your Spirit gives me breath.
May I live this day for the sake of Jesus,
the light of the world,
the apple of my eye,
my beginning and end. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Creator of all, you make the night
for peace and rest.
In the moon and stars we see the reflection
of your eternal light,
so whether we live or whether we die,
we know that we belong to you.
Keep watch over those who work through the night;
give peace to those who cannot sleep.
Let me surrender all anxiety and fear
to your loving embrace,
that I may awake to serve you with joy. Amen.