

Service for the Lord's Day September 27, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 27, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude "There is None Like You"

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

Threshold Moment & Lighting of Candles

Call to Worship (by Jane O. Sorenson)

- L. Loving God, we come to you for truth, that we might see clearly and that we might understand.
- P. We come to you for comfort, that we might be sustained and that we might be understood.
- L. We come to you for challenge, that we might be reminded that our ways are not your ways and that we can change.
- P. We come to you, Holy One. We come to you.

Hymn #463 How Firm a Foundation



TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832, alt.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession God of grace, For our failure to love others as you have loved us, forgive us.

For turning from your demanding truth and wandering towards easier options, forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods, forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope, forgive us.

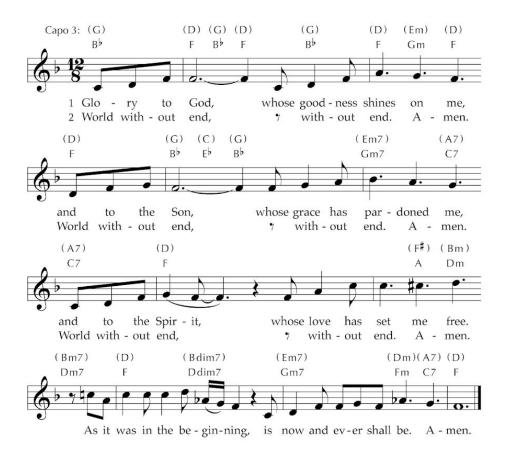
For all the ways we turn from you, forgive us.

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Sung Response #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



Passing of the Peace

Take out your phone and text to a church member, friend or family member - "The Peace of Christ be with you."

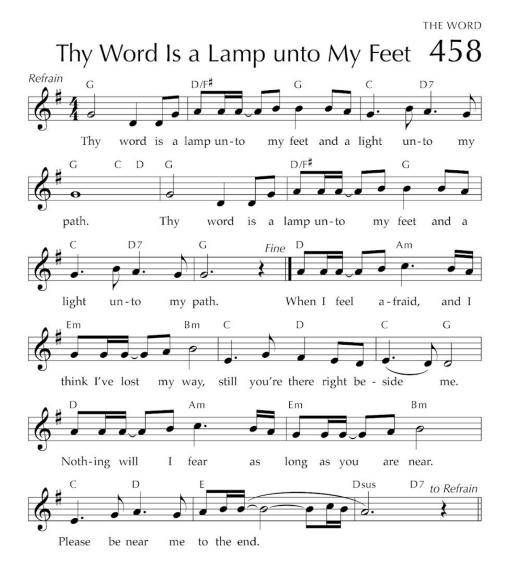
PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 119:97-105

Sung Response #458 Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet



Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Sermon

Proclamation Fourth in a Sermon Series on Worship

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Meditative Song

Affirmation of FaithI Celebrate the Church of Jesus Christ by Ann WeemsI celebrate the church of Jesus Christ.I celebrate the healthy grieving for lost children.

I celebrate the life-enhancing hope that brings the piecing together of the scattered. I celebrate the celebrants. I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ, whose supportive community holds me when I'm tempted to give up, enfolds me when I'm hurting, affirms me, reaches out to me, gives to me, receives from me. I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation/ Pastoral Prayer

Comment on Facebook if you have a joy or concern to be shared. You can also email or call the church with prayer concerns. Tomorrow we will send a list of prayer concerns over email to our community.

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.

Offering

Your offerings support the mission and ministry of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. You can give online by going to <u>http://www.eastminsterchurch.org/give/online-giving/</u>

Hymn #450 Be Thou My Vision



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt. MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press SLANE 10.10.10.10

Charge & Benediction

Postlude Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble Acolyte: Lehman Temples Liturgists: Mike & Ruth Foster, Ron Davis, Becky Jones Brown, Lacy & Laura Myer Scripture Reading: Mike Brown, Barb Dalzell, Barb Lowes, Sue Kalvonjian Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver Tech Guru: Heather Myer

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SERMON SERIES: Why Worship?

"Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world." (PCUSA Book of Order, W-1.1001)

Have you ever wondered...

- Why do I need worship? Do I really need to come to church? Does it matter in these COVID days that I watch worship on my computer every week? Can't I just worship God on my own?
- Why do we say a prayer of confession, it's so depressing?
- Why does it seem like every time I show up for church, someone asks me for money?
- Why don't we start out with communion or the sermon? Why is our service organized the way it is?

Join us for this worship series all about worship. We will explore the PCUSA's reformed understanding of the theology of worship (it's interesting, thoughtful, and beautiful). Even while we can't gather in person, worship remains central to who we are as a church, so let's explore why.