



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill

August 19, 2018 ~10:15am
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Preparation (*Please meditate silently.*)

“Where the heart is not singing there is no melody, there is only the dreadful medley of human self-praise. Where the singing is not to the Lord, it is singing to the honor of the self or the music, and the new song becomes a song to idols”.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Peace Prayer

Prelude **“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

arr. Wilbur Held

Call to Worship

Come into this household of God that we might all listen to God’s Word and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

How can we discover such wisdom?

Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom. When we choose to live according to God’s will and plan, God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

May God fill us with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs! We have come to lift up in praise the songs and music from our hearts.

Jesus is here in our midst as living bread. We want to be nourished and strengthened that we may remain with him. Jesus is so close to us that we can taste his presence.

Praise the Lord! Learn of God’s compassion and mercy. Praise the Lord with our hearts! Praise the Lord!

▲ Hymn No. 32 **“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

Ellacombe

▲ The Invocation – Unison Gathering Prayer

Living God, you are the giver of wisdom and true discernment, guiding those who seek after your ways to choose the good. Mercifully grant that your people, feasting on the true bread of heaven, may have eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

All Wise God, we thank you for giving us this time to look into our words, thoughts, and deeds. We confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all of the knowledge that we need. As we go from place to place, we try to block you out. Even though we say we want to hear your Word and speak with you, we fail to see that we are always in your presence. We stray seeking other gods, whose way may be easy but cannot show us the ways of love and truth. We are afraid of being fed with the living bread of Jesus. Fill us with

the Holy Spirit that we might live each day according to your will and plan for us and for your world. Help us to discern your wisdom that we might live eternally with you and Christ.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance of Forgiveness

▲ Gloria Patri No. 581

Gloria Patri (Greatest)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is
now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

▲ Passing of the Peace and Greeting One Another

Anthem **“Sing Glory to the Name of God”**

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sing glory to the name of God whose holy
splendor shines abroad, Alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves,
the God of grace and glory saves. Alleluia!

The name of God is full of might;
resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia!

The wilderness cannot contain
the echoes of the great refrain. Alleluia!

May God forever be our peace;
may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia!

David Cambrell

Life on the Hill

Today (August 19): ✝ WORSHIP 10:15am

Monday (August 20): ✝ Stephen Ministry Training 7:00pm

Tuesday (August 21): ✝ Mission 7:30pm

Saturday (August 25): ✝ Stephen Ministry Training 8:00am

Next Sunday: ✝ WORSHIP 10:15am



Janet Lee

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,

¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Second Scripture Reading 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

¹⁰ Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. ¹¹ He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

³ Solomon showed his love for the LORD by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. ⁴ The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” ⁶ Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. ⁷ “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your

servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

Message **"Sing a New Song"** *Pastor Deb Packard*

*Affirmation Faith

In faith, we acknowledge that God has acted in the past, in a holy history.

In faith, we confess that God seeks to rule our lives today.

In faith, we affirm that God continues to send prophets and speak through willing vessels to guide the course of all history toward its end.

In faith, we imagine that end to be characterized by the traits we find in Jesus Christ: compassion, justice, and love.

In faith, we long to be part of that purpose. Amen.

Hymn No. 65 **"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"** *Cum Rbiondda*

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Our Savior

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.

Presenting Our Gifts to the Lord

Offertory **"Allegretto"** *arr. Hermann Schroeder*

▲ Dedication Hymn No. 607

"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

▲ Prayer of Dedication

▲ Hymn No. 37 **"Let All Things Now Living"** *Ash Grove*

▲ Charge and Benediction

▲ Choral Benediction – Hymn No. 748

"Go With Us, Lord" *Tallis' Canon*
(sung once in unison, once as a round)

▲ Postlude **"Ash Grove"** *arr. Lloyd Larson*

(▲ All who are able, please stand.)

Our worship has ended – now our service begins.

Serving Today

We sincerely welcome all who have come to worship the Creator of us all. As brothers and sisters, let us give evidence that we belong to the family of God. Extend the hand of friendship to those around you, and be grateful for the gift of friends and family. If you are in need of pastoral care or perhaps a listening ear, please speak to one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.

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The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Robert Kemble Wright, by Wilma Wright

The flower basket is given to the Glory of God by Judy and Bill Turner in loving memory of Jan Coppola, who our Lord has welcomed home with His loving peace.

‡**Greeter:** Carol Cox

‡**Ushers:** Team 2: Diana Griffith, Capt., Sharon Fix, Pat Lee, Stephen Lofthouse, Judy Quitne

‡**Flower Duty:** Stephanie Toth, Janet Lee

‡**Trustee Duty:** Linda Klose, Rick Degurski

‡**Fellowship Host:** The Hanly Family

‡**Worship Prep:** 8/18 – Elda Gall, 8/25 – Diana & Tom Griffith



Music Notes from Dr. Jeff

Thanks to all the sopranos and altos who volunteered their time and talent this morning!



The Ministry of Flowers

New 2018 Chart is now posted! If you would like flowers in the sanctuary for a particular Sunday please sign up. Cost: \$45.00. Questions? Please speak with Judy Quitne. Are you aware that our Deacons deliver the flowers to our shut-ins and hospitalized folks with our prayers and concern every Sunday?



Sign Up Sheets

(posted on rear table in sanctuary)



Fellowship Time Hosts



Scripture Readers



Greeters

Life on the Hill Notes
August 19th



PCOH NURSERY
TODAY

Anne Pagnoni

August 26 M. Zarodnansky September 2 Jamie Montero
September 9 _____ September 16 _____

KIDS CORNER



TODAY

Jean, Ally & Emily Brown



*When you are shopping,
please remember that:*

Trinity Needs Food

*When you are cooking,
please remember that:*

The Center Needs Meals



“CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE”

If you, or a neighbor, co-worker or friend could benefit from the trained, caring presence and listening ear of a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leader Deanne Nirider (281/744-1054)

“CHURCH ON THE HILL is a diverse, inclusive community of God’s people whose faith is led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We welcome, love, and empower all persons to become constructive, affirming thinkers, filled with hope, making a difference in the world. Armed with forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that “God alone is Lord of the conscience” (Historical Principles, G-1.0301a), we will move forward in an ever changing culture and world.

FAITH LOVE HOPE FORGIVENESS UNDERSTANDING

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