

The Presbyterian Church on the Hill

September 16, 2018 ~10:15am

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

In Preparation (*Thought for Silent Reflection*)

“Those who aren’t following Jesus aren’t his followers. It’s that simple. Followers follow, and those who don’t follow aren’t followers. To follow Jesus means to follow Jesus into a society where justice rules, where love shapes everything. To follow Jesus means to take up his dream and work for it.”

-Scot McKnight

Prelude **“Christians, We Have Met to Worship”** *arr. Mark Hayes*
Richard Ludlum and Dr. Jeff

As we gather together in the sanctuary, please listen to the music and spend time in silent reflection in preparation for worship.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Mark 8:27-30*)

Leader: Jesus asks the disciples:

People: “Who do people say I am?”

Leader: They answer, “Some say John the Baptist; some say Elijah; and others say one of the prophets.” But Jesus presses them:

People: “Who do you say I am?”

Leader: Peter answers, “You are Christ – God’s anointed one, God-with-us!” Now Jesus pushes us:

People: “What about you? Here, in this moment, in this community, who do you say I am?”

Leader: Where do we find the wisdom to answer?

UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

Holy Wisdom of God, you call to us from the depths of our hearts, where we long for connection with you and with one another. You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods, where human pain and possibility are most urgent. You call to us from our sacred stories, where God, Christ, Spirit create, challenge, comfort. Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope and help us to see with your eyes the ways which lead to beloved community where Christ Jesus is the center. Amen.

▲ Hymn No. 386 **“Come, Worship God”** *O Quanta Qualia*
Accompanied by: Sheldon Hanly, saxophone, Paige Krabyrich, trumpet

▲ CALL TO CONFESSION

▲ UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who loves us, you have always given us what we need. You have taken care of us even when we could not care for ourselves. You have given us life and breath. Why is it that we still doubt you? Why do we still go on our own way, rebelling against you? Why do we persist in doing everything our own way? God, we have hurt ourselves and others by being so fiercely independent. Give us courage enough to place our trust in you. Through the constant presence of the Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Silent Reflection.

▲ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

▲ PASSING OF THE PEACE

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

▲ Hymn No. 583 **“Glory to God”** *Gloria*
(Sung once in unison, once as a round)

Life on the Hill

Today (September 16): ✝ WORSHIP with Holy Communion 10:15am

Tuesday (September 18): ✝ Mission Community 6:30pm

Men's Bible Study 7:30pm

Women's Bible Study 7:30pm

Wednesday, (September 19): ✝ Rev. Deb's Bible Study 10am

Stephen Ministry Training 7pm

Board of Deacons 7pm

Thursday, (September 20): ✝ Adult Study w/lunch 11:30am

Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Next Sunday: ✝ WORSHIP 10:15am

Youth Group 6pm

Passing of the RED PAD: The person sitting in the pew closest to the center aisle fills out the RED PAD, then passes it down the pew so that each family would do the same. THEN, pass it back so that we can put names and faces together.

WE HEAR THE WORD



Peter Williams

First Scripture Reading James 3:1—12 (NRSV)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters,^[a] for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it

stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature,^[a] and is itself set on fire by hell.^[a] ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters,^[a] this ought not to be so.¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters,^[a] yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Anthem **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”** *arr. Molly Ijames*
Congregational Choir

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, leading us with mercy's hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sun ward in the triumph song of life!

Henry van Dyke

CHILDREN'S TIME/TEACHER DEDICATION

Dismiss all children and youth through 12th grade

Second Scripture Reading Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do

you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”^[1] ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,^[1] will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words^[1] in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

SERMON **“Living in the Shadow of Empire”**
Pastor Deb Packard

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

▲ A SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION (based on *Ephesians 4*)

**We believe in one body, the church,
one Holy Spirit,
one hope to which we are called,
one Lord Jesus,
one faith,
one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.**

▲ Hymn No. 720 **“Jesus Calls Us”** *Galilee*

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY **“O Come and Sing unto the Lord”**

arr. Gilbert Martin

▲ Doxology – Hymn No. 606

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *Old Hundredth*

**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 DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

The Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all God’s benefits

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. We give ourselves to you, and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom. May our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to say, praying:

*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.*

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread* and Cup

**(The bread in the small cup is gluten free.)*

Music at Communion:

“Come Share the Lord,” arr. Fred Bock

“He Is Exalted,” arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer after Communion

▲ Hymn No. 375 **“Shall We Gather at the River”** *Hanson Place*

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude **“Cortege”** *Gordon Young*

▲ *Indicates when, if you are able, the congregation stands.*

We Go Out into the World

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.

Lisa Keller, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ED. & NURTURE
Dr. Jeff Unger, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST
Bonnie Carle, NURSERY SUPERVISOR
Isaiah C. Mason, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S & YOUTH MUSIC
Sharon Fix, CLERK OF SESSION
Jamie Montero, HEAD USHER
Deanne Nirider & Rick Degurski,
STEPHEN MINISTRY COORDINATORS
Michael Compoly, TREASURER
Judy Quitne, DEACON MODERATOR
Jackie Colin, ADMIN. ASSISTANT/OFFICE SUPERVISOR
Letitia Jensen, WORSHIP PREPARATION COORDINATOR
Bill Turner, PASTOR – HONORABLY RETIRED
Deborah A. Packard, INTERIM PASTOR

*The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God with
thanksgiving for all the wonderful blessings He has given us
by Jamie Montero*

Serving Today

† **Greeters:** The Worthley Family

† **Ushers:** Team 6: Ralph Jensen, Capt., Carol Hadfield, Jim Hadfield,
Letitia Jensen, Jaine Williams, Peter Williams

† **Flower Duty:** Connie Perry, Stephanie Toth

† **Trustee Duty:** Maureen Bonney, Mike Ryan

† **Fellowship Host:** Christian Ed

† **Worship Prep:** 9/22 – Laura & Ed Kelsey, 9/29 – Letitia Jensen

‡ **Communion Setup:** Judy Quitne, Gail Loeser

‡ **Communion Cleanup:** Jamie Montero, Sherri Ryan

‡ **Elders and Deacons Serving Communion:** Maureen Bonney,
Capt., Sherri Ryan, Ralph Jensen, Janet Lee, Kent Donahue, Joanie
Kralyovich, Michael Compoly, Robin Compoly

‡ **Deacons Serving Communion to Contacts:** Judy Quitne, Joanie
Kralyovich, Connie Perry, Stephanie Toth, Sherri Ryan, Giselle
McCormick, Robin Compoly

‡ **Contacts Receiving Communion:** Barbara Sichertman, Ginny
Akelaitis, Mary Galyean, Asela Gejo, Diane Foye,
Judy Strunk, Jim Isaccson



Music Notes from Dr. Jeff

Thanks to all of our volunteers this morning – you helped make Rally Day very special. And thanks to Richard Ludlum for duetting with me!



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

Sept. 23rd

Pre-k & Kindergarten (brick classroom)

Jessica Pursell
Cheryl Schleuss

Shirley Carle
Stephanie Toth

1st – 5th Grade (fellowship hall)

Carol Cox
Meghan Pringle

Judy Quitne
Sherri Ryan

6th – 12th Grade (youth room)

Anne Pagnoni
Nick Robinson

Kelli Tobin
Jill Vacchiano



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

September 16th



PCOH NURSERY

TODAY

Wally French

September 23 Jean Brown September 30 _____

October 07 Jamie Montero October 14 _____



When you are shopping,
please remember that:

Trinity Needs Food

When you are cooking,
please remember that:

The Center Needs Meals

STEPHEN MINISTRY



“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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