



## The Presbyterian Church on the Hill

September 30, 2018 ~10:15am

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

All youth from 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade begin in the Youth Room (basement)

In Preparation *(Thought for Silent Reflection)*

*"You must do the thing you think you cannot do."*

*-Eleanor Roosevelt*

Prelude

**"Air"**

*George Frideric Handel*

*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

Leader: I am the church; you are the church.

People: **We are the church together.**

Leader: We depend on our seniors and long-time members to remember where we came from and where we have been.

People: **We are the church together.**

Leader: We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

People: **We are the church together.**

Leader: We depend on our youth and young adults to ask us why we do things this way and to suggest something new.

People: **We are the church together.**

Leader: We need each other to be the church.

People: **We are the church together.**

### ▲ UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

**O God, our guide and help in alien and contentious places: as Esther worked courageously for the deliverance of your people, strengthen us to confront the oppressor and free the oppressed, so that all people may know the justice and unity of your realm. Amen.**

### ▲ Hymn No. 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*Lobe Den Herren*

### ▲ LITNANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Creator of us all, we sometimes forget:

People: **We forget that we are not alone,**

**We forget that you made us,**

**We forget that we have help along the way,**

**We forget to ask for what we need.**

Leader: Embodied God, remind us that we are surrounded.  
**People:** **We are surrounded by the people you have created,  
and by the many gifts you have given them to share.  
Remind us of our own gifts,  
and the ways we may use them in community.**  
Leader: Suffering Savior, we confess that in our own struggle to survive,  
**People:** **We have ignored other communities.  
We have forgotten that they too have the right to survive.  
Make us mindful. Make us compassionate.  
Help us to see you in one another.**  
**All:** **In your name we pray, Amen.**  
*(Silent reflection)*

▲ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

#### Life on the Hill

Today (September 30): ☩Worship 10:15am  
Monday (October 1): ☩Stephen Ministry Training 7pm  
Tuesday, (October 2) : ☩Rev. Deb’s Bible Study 7pm  
Lydia Circle 7pm  
Wednesday (October 3): ☩Rev. Deb’s Bible Study 10am  
Thursday (October 4): ☩Adult Study w/lunch 11:45am  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm  
Next Sunday: ☩WORSHIP with Holy Communion 10:15am

#### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**Dismiss ALL children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

#### WE HEAR GOD’S WORD



*George Liddy*

First Scripture Reading Psalm 124 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>If it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
—let Israel now say—  
<sup>2</sup>if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,  
when our enemies attacked us,  
<sup>3</sup>then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;  
<sup>4</sup>then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
<sup>5</sup>then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.  
<sup>6</sup>Blessed be the LORD,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth.  
<sup>7</sup>We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped.  
<sup>8</sup>Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

ANTHEM **“Christ, the Son of God”** *Marty Parks*

Solid Rock, Firm Foundation, Cornerstone of salvation,  
Word that brought creation, life.  
Christ, the Son of God!

Bread of Life, Hope of Glory, Author of redemption’s story,  
Prince of Peace, Emmanuel,  
Christ, the Son of God!

On Christ, the Solid Rock I stand!  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
Christ, the Son of God!

Living Stone, Desire of Nations, Holy One, our consolation!  
Alpha and Omega, King of kings,  
Christ, the Son of God!

On Christ, the Solid Rock I stand!  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
Christ, the Son of God!

### Second Scripture Reading Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. <sup>2</sup>On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” <sup>3</sup>Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. <sup>4</sup>For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” <sup>5</sup>Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” <sup>6</sup>Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. <sup>9</sup>Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” <sup>10</sup>So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. <sup>20</sup>Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, <sup>21</sup>enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, <sup>22</sup>as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

SERMON “Creative Transformation” *Pastor Deb Packard*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from the UCC*

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,  
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we  
testify.**

**You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own  
image and set before each one the ways of life and  
death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and  
sin.**

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared  
through prophets and apostles.**

**You call us into your church**

**to accept the cost and joy of discipleship  
to be your servants in the service of others,  
to proclaim the gospel to all the world,  
to resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you**

**forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
your presence in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

▲ Hymn No. 445 “God, How Can We Forgive” *Leoni*

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY “Our Help Is in the Name of God”

*Genevan Psalter*

Our help is in the name of God the Lord.  
The One who made the heavens with a word;  
Creator of the world, each living thing.  
Come, bless the Lord, lift up your hearts and sing:  
“Our help is in the name of God the Lord.”

When evil seems to have the upper hand,  
call on God's name: the Lord, the great "I am."  
When troubles rise and all around gives way,  
remember God stays with us night and day.  
"Our help is in the name of God the Lord."

Praise God the Lord who hears the captives' prayer.  
Like birds escaping from the fowler's snare.  
We are set free; our praises now ascend:  
"Blessed be the Lord: Creator, Savior, Friend.  
Our help is in the name of God the Lord."

*Martin Tel*

▲ DOXOLOGY – Hymn No. 607  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings 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

PASTORAL PRAYERS

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.**

▲ Hymn No. 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"  
*Kingsfold*

▲ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE - Hymn No. 765  
"May the God of Hope Go with Us" *Argentina*  
(sung once in unison, once as a round)

Postlude "Kingsfold" *arr. Dale Wood*

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

**Our worship has ended – now our service begins.**

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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**LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

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**Deborah A. Packard, INTERIM PASTOR**

*The Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in appreciation of all our Sunday School Teachers.*

Serving Today

- † **Greeter:** Judy & John Quitne
- † **Ushers:** Team 2: Diana Griffith, Capt., Sharon Fix, Pat Lee, Stephen Lofthouse, Judy Quitne
- † **Flower Duty:** Carol Cox
- † **Trustee Duty:** Ralph Jensen, Chris Tobin
- † **Fellowship Host:** Sharon & Ed Fix
- † **Worship Prep:** 9/29 – Letitia Jensen, 10/06 – Diana & Tom Griffith



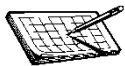
**Music Notes from Dr. Jeff**

Next Sunday is Congregational Choir – rehearsal at 9:40. We will be singing Hymn 71, **“Surely It Is God Who Saves Me.”**



**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 30<sup>th</sup>**



**PCOH NURSERY  
TODAY**

**Holly Hansen**

October 7 Jamie Montero      October 14 \_\_\_\_\_  
October 21 \_\_\_\_\_      October 28 \_\_\_\_\_



**Children & Youth Team Leaders**

**Today**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Pre-k & Kindergarten  
(brick classroom)**

Cheryl Schleuss  
Kristin Worthley

Shirley Carle  
Stephanie Toth

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(fellowship hall)**

Carol Cox  
Laura Morales

Judy Quitne  
Sherri Ryan

**6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(youth room)**

Anne Pagnoni  
Kelli Tobin

No Sunday School  
Holy Communion



*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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