

Sunday, October 11th, 2020
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"What Not to Wear to a Wedding"

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Liturgy for Sunday, October 11, 2020

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: *"O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure." Isaiah 25:1*

Ringling of the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 23 [KJV] (responsive)

Beth LaBrunda

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Amen.

Prelude

* Hymn: "We Have Come Into His House " # 588

Prayer of Confession (unison)

You invite us to your feast, O God,
and we do not come.

You beg us to give thanks for life,
and we fail in our thanksgiving.

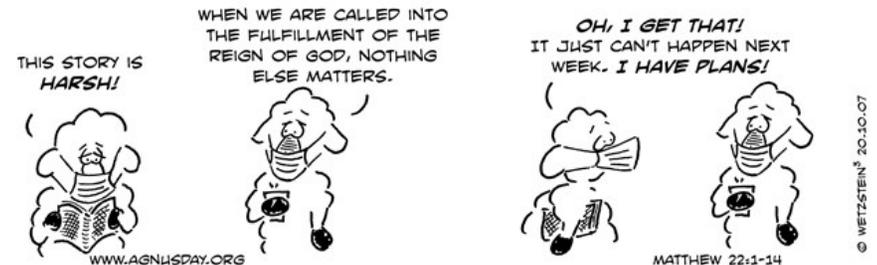
Current Prayer Concerns:

Collection Plate

A reminder that, until we can resume our normal worship routines, our collection plate is situated on the small table in the center rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.

Hearing Assistance

Headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary for hearing assistance.



Calendar, Flowers, and Birthdays ...

Tuesday, October 13th	WOW Meeting	11:00 am
Tuesday, October 13th	Deacons' Meeting	3:00 am
Tuesday, October 13th	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday, October 16th	Harbor Island Meeting	3:15 pm
Saturday October 17th	Old Port Cove Condo	9:00 am
Saturday, October 17th	Neighborhood Picnic	4:00 pm

Flower Dedications: *Chancel Vase Flowers are given:*

~ In honor of our grandparents, Pop-pop and Granny Rogers as they celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary today. We are grateful for all you do for us. We love you! ~ *Emily, Hailey, Logan, and Summer*

~ In loving memory of Buzzy's Mom, Fannie Bayles as she celebrates her birthday with Jesus on the 15th. Mom was such a blessing to all who knew her. ~ *Buzzy and Lisa*

~ A basket of flowers is placed in loving memory of our father and grandfather, Irv Mumford, who celebrates his 96th birthday in Heaven with Juanita and Sue today. Dad was a gentle man who service and love for the Lord made him a giant in the eyes of those who knew and loved him. ~ *David and Julie, Danny and Liz, Phillip, Tamara and Fletcher David, Fletcher, Angie and Mykaela*

~ A basket of flowers is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Sally Bradford, who celebrated her birthday on the 16th. Sally's smile and ray of sunshine are missed by her church family but we are happy knowing she is with us during live streaming of Sunday's service.

Birthdays:

Larry Hak (10/15) and Sally Bradford (10/16)

You have made for us a wonderful earth,
and we neglect the gift.
Forgive us for what we have done
and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us.
Be our guide and conscience.
Turn our feet and hands to your will,
that all we do might give glory to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity,
hears your plea.
In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving,
in the mercy of Almighty God,
we are forgiven!
For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior,
who died and rose from the dead
to destroy the shroud of despair,
rejoice! Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri (unison)

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.

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Your word, O God, is a feast all its own.
Let your Holy Spirit open our minds to your call to listen,
for we know your holy Word
heals and reconciles your people. Amen.

* Doxology (unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9 [NIV]

Elder Lisa Bayles

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 22: 1-14 [NIV]

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Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

4 "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

The Master came next to a vessel of wood,
Polished and carved, it solidly stood.
You may use me, dear Master, the wooden bowl said,
But I'd rather You used me for fruit, not for bread!

Then the Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay.
Empty and broken it helplessly lay.
No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose,
To cleanse and make whole, to fill and to use.

Ah! This is the vessel I've been hoping to find,
I will mend and use it and make it all Mine.
I need not the vessel with pride of its self;
Nor the one who is narrow to sit on the shelf;
Nor the one who is bigmouthed and shallow and loud;
Nor one who displays his contents so proud;
Not the one who thinks he can do all things just right;
But this plain earthy vessel filled with My power and might.

Then gently He lifted the vessel of clay.
Mended and cleansed it and filled it that day.
Spoke to it kindly. There's work you must do,
Just pour out to others as I pour into you.

By Beulah V. Cornwall

The Chosen Vessel

The Master was searching for a vessel to use;
On the shelf there were many ~ which one would He
choose?

Take me, cried the gold one, I'm shiny and bright,
I'm of great value and I do things just right.
My beauty and luster will outshine the rest
And for someone like You, Master, gold would be the best!

The Master passed on with no word at all;
He looked at a silver urn, narrow and tall;
I'll serve You, dear Master, I'll pour out Your wine
And I'll be at Your table whenever You dine,
My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true,
And my silver will always compliment You.

Unheeding the Master passed on to the brass,
It was widemouthed and shallow, and polished like glass.
Here! Here! cried the vessel, I know I will do,
Place me on Your table for all men to view.

Look at me, called the goblet of crystal so clear,
My transparency shows my contents so dear,
Though fragile am I, I will serve You with pride,
And I'm sure I'll be happy in Your house to abide.

5 "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

13 "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Time with Children and Youth

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Sermon: *"What Not to Wear to a Wedding"*

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* Hymn "The Solid Rock" # 402

* Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting, Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Let us pray for the needs of the world saying, Hear us O God, your mercy is great.

Heavenly Father, we pray for your world gripped in pandemic, fear and anxiety that your people may be delivered to health and wellness. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray for our leaders as they guide us through uncertain times of social upheaval and economic uncertainty that they govern with wisdom and compassion. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray for the victims of hurricanes and wildfires that they may rebuild their lives stronger and more dedicated to you than before. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray for those struggling with sickness, mental illness, addiction, and other maladies. Specifically, we pray for Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray for the children of this world that they may be kept safe, warm, nourished, and loved. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

We pray for our local shop keepers, retailers, restaurant owners and hotel owners that they remain able to stay open and make it through the off-season looking forward to a better year ahead. Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

All of these prayers we pray to you in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us how to pray by saying, **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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" # 463

Charge
Benediction
Postlude

Presbyterian Giving - Fishing Boat & Accessories \$1200

In addition to Operation Christmas Child, this season we will also be seeking to broaden our mission work by leveraging the Presbyterian Giving process to help purchase a Fishing Boat and Accessories for a family in need. Increasingly severe weather in areas like the Philippines and the Caribbean can destroy the livelihoods of local fishermen. Your gift of equipment restoration or replacement could create a renewed ability for fishermen to provide for their families. Donations to this effort can be made by check (note Presbyterian Giving in the memo section) or through our Online Giving process. Please submit prior to the end of November.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child has begun! The shoeboxes and packing information will be provided at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, October 11th. The National Collection Week is November 16-23. Please return your boxes to the church no later than November 22nd. You may choose either the cardboard or plastic shoebox on the table. NOTE: Please make sure you remove ALL packaging before packing your box.



Neighborhood Picnic

Saturday, **October 17th** at 4pm. Rain date is October 24th. It's time to join our neighbors to celebrate summer's end! Come meet the wonderful folks in our neighborhood at our first ever Neighborhood Picnic.

Please contact Danny Mumford or Peggy Webster to let them know where you can help to make our neighborhood picnic a success!

