

Sunday, October 3rd, 2021
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday
10:30 AM



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“No More Excuses”

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Liturgy for Sunday, October 3rd, 2021

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

"Never ruin an apology with an excuse" - *Kimberly Johnson*

Ringing of the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 8 (responsive)

Elder Peggy Webster

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark
because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and
the stars that you have established;

**what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you
care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them
with glory and honor.

**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you
have put all things under their feet,**

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the
air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the
seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit: "Nothing But the Blood"

* Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" # 43

* Passing the Peace

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Creation, you made the heavens and the earth, you formed us
from clay and gave us your breath of life. Everything you gave to us
you gave freely, but that was not enough for us. We took what you
forbade us to take, and we tried to be like you.

Current Prayer Concerns:

Berlin Nursing Home: For all those who we were unable to
visit or sing with during this time of virus.

Hearing Assistance

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

Directory Updates: *No updates this week.*

Communion: When we are celebrating communion, we will
serve non-alcoholic grape juice instead of wine.

Rummage Sale!

The next Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, **October 16th**
from 7AM—1PM. Setup will begin at 6AM. The shed is now
unlocked. Fall and winter things can be dropped off through
Sunday, October 10th, after which it will be locked so what was
dropped off can be organized.

Online Giving - *Simple . . . Secure*

You can use the Give Now button on our church website and/or
download the GivePlus Mobile app onto your smartphone. In
the GivePlus app, our church is listed as "Ocean City
Presbyterian Church". For either method, you will need to setup
a simple, secure profile.

<https://www.ocmdpresbyterian.org/on-line-giving>

The following is the schedule of "hostesses" for fellowship following
Sunday worship for the remainder of the month of October:

Oct 10	Mary Snyder and Carol Reese
Oct 17	Jackie Bates and Mabel Rogers
Oct 24	Lisa Bayles and Ann Eicher
Oct 31	Marty Cropper and Ann Hale

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Oct 3	Boy Scout Troop # 2173 <i>(New!)</i>	4:00 PM
Tues, Oct 5	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
Tues, Oct 5	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wed, Oct 6	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Thu, Oct 7	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:30 PM Zoom
Fri, Oct 8	Narcotics Anonymous (NEW Mtg)	7:00 PM

Birthdays: Barbara Kipila (10/4), Tina Custis (10/8)

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vase are given:

~ In remembrance of the 215 Fallen heroes who are being honored this weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. These American heroes and their families will never be forgotten. ~ *Marty*

**** Chancel vases OPEN (10/17-1 vase) (10/24, 10/31-2 vases)****

Bells Across America For Fallen Firefighters

Since the inception of the program "Bells Across America" in 2011, our church will once again be joining hundreds of churches cross the United States and the Armed Forces in honor the 215 firefighters who courageously gave up their lives for others during 2019 and 2020. These fire heroes will be honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial Service today in Emmitsburg, Maryland

Among those being remembered are those who have died as a result of illness caused by the attacks of September 11, 2001, along with those who died as a result of Covid-19. When our chimes ring at 1:00 PM today, it will be in remembrance of those heroes.

The Ocean City Fire Department has had three line of duty deaths: Chief Ralph R. Dennis in 1937, Jeffrey L. Dieter in 1983, and Leroy J. Cropper, Jr. in 1995

Events of the weekend can be seen by going to www.firehero.org.

This is a wonderful opportunity to witness how America honors her Fallen Heroes.

Thank you ... Marty Cropper

Forgive our selfishness and our greed. With your mercy restore our hearts that we may be obedient to your will, that we may follow your commands, that we may live as grateful recipients of your love. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Beloved, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

In Jesus Christ we are a new creation.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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.

Invitation to the Offering

We, who God created out of clay, have an obligation to care for each other and for all of God's creation, therefore we joyfully give to each other and to Christ's church.

*** 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 .

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, our Comfort. You have given Jesus, your only son, who was made lower than the angels, for our sake. With thanksgiving, we give of what you have provided, that your will may be done in this world. Give us the wisdom and courage to do so. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

Choral Anthem: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, God of Holy Scripture; with your Word restore us; with your Word renew us; with your Word enlighten us; with your Word thrill us.

Your Word is a gift to be savored. Your Word is a gift to be shared. Let our hands be your hands. Let our lips be your lips. Let us give to the world the precious gift of your Word. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 2: 15-25 [NRSV]

Beth LaBrunda

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." 19 So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed-up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

2nd Scripture Reading: Genesis 3: 1-15 [NRSV]

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Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid



World Communion Sunday
(originally called Worldwide Communion Sunday)
is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger
ecumenical church. The first celebration
occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in
Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh
Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

World Communion Sunday celebrates
our oneness in Christ with all our
brothers and sisters around the world.

Celebration of Worldwide Communion Sunday
was adopted as a denominational practice
in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936.
Churches in other denominations were
invited to celebrate with us from the beginning,
but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of
Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches
(a predecessor body of the National Council
of Churches) promoted extending the
celebration to a number of churches around the
world that the practice became widespread.
Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated
around the world, demonstrating that the
church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares
God-given goods in a world increasingly
destabilized by globalization and
global market economies based on greed.

For the church, that it remains a messenger of your Word, a giver of hope, and a welcoming sanctuary for the stranger. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

For our leaders, that they govern with wisdom and with mercy born of your grace constantly working towards the day we can truly turn swords into plowshares. God of sacrifice, **hear our prayer.**

For our fallen fire fighters and their families who we remember this week. Keep safe in your loving arms those who dedicated their lives to keeping others safe, those who ran into the flames to save those trapped and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service of humankind. God of sacrifice, **hear our prayer.**

For our children, that we keep them from the harms and the evils of this world. That we find the voice to advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves. God of salvation, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer from disease of the body or the mind. That they may find comfort in your presence and healing in the certain hope of your deliverance. God of creation, **hear our prayer.** And we pray for

For your earth with which we have been entrusted. That we mend our ways and stop abusing this gift of yours. That we find ways to heal the earth returning it to the way you first made it. God of creation, **hear our prayer.**

You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. With you there is everything, without you there is nothing, and so we boldly bring you these prayers and petitions bound together in the strong name of your Son, our Lord and savior who taught us to pray to you 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: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" # 1**

Charge

Benediction

Postlude and Response "Four-Fold Amen"

themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "No More Excuses"

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*** Hymn "He's Got the Whole Word in His Hands" # 344**

*** Affirmation of Faith—Nicene Creed (unison)**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you, and to live in peace with your whole creation. When we rebelled against you refusing to trust and obey you, you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own. You sent prophets to call us back to your way.

Then, in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy.

Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world.

Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With Thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

In union with your church in heaven and on earth, we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose in us and in all the world. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

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

God of love, God of sacrifice, God of salvation, God of creation, we come offering prayers for your church and your world. Knowing everything is possible through you we pray in the certain knowledge that you will hear our prayer.