



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People

THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND
BUILD
ONE ANOTHER UP,
JUST AS YOU ARE DOING.

| Thessalonians 5:11

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24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

ZOOM Worship 10:00 am

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"A Dream"

by Gabriel Faure'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stewardship PCUSA Video

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth has its kings, but God is ruler and sustainer of all.

Praise God above all, the giver of life!

The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,

but God's presence is more powerful

Feel God's presence, for God's refuge is here for us now.

O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.

Come to the Rock, the God of life, for God is present now.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #6 (vs. 1,4,5) "I Bind Unto Myself Today"

St. Patrick, arr. Charles Villiers Stanford

*I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.*

*I bind unto myself today
the power of God to hold and lead,
God's eye to watch, God's might to stay,
God's ear to hearken to my need,
the wisdom of my God to teach,
God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
God's heavenly host to be my guard.*

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,*

*Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

(inspired by Exodus 33:12-23, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22)

Loving, living God, be among us now.

Show us your ways. Guide our steps.

Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving.

**Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you
all the things that are yours.**

**Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you,
gifts to be shared in service and love.**

Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy
and live your message with love. **Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

Creator of all, the earth is yours,
the world and all who live in it.

**You have entrusted us with gifts—
time, talent, energy, money—
and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.**

With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

We bring these gifts you have given,
returning your generosity, paying it forward.

**We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears,
our dollars and our hours.**

**We commit ourselves to work for your world,
to love and serve wherever you call.**

We ask your blessing on this, your church,
as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future,
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

OFFERTORY "Mansion Over the Hilltop" by Ira Stanphill arr. by Fred Bock

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 90:1-8, 12

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'

For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "The Eyes and Hands of Christ" by Tom Kendzia

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are

all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“The Lord is Our Refuge”

Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

*HYMN #465 “What A Friend We Have In Jesus” Charles Converse, 1868

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!*

*What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!*

O what peace we often forfeit;

O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry

everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged;

take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful

who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness;

take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,

cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge;

*take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of prayer. We now ask that you keep this new coronavirus from continuing to spread. Help people decide to stay home instead of traveling or going out needlessly. And while it may be heartbreaking, comfort families as they decide to keep their distance from elderly or other high-risk family members.

We trust you are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea ... —Psalm 46

Holy Savior, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. —Philippians 4:6

(NIV) Loving God, as more people get sick, healthcare workers and first responders are working longer hours with fewer supplies and with more risk. Renew their energy and sustain them on long shifts. Bring Your protection upon them as they work with patients. Inspire and invigorate the research doctors developing better tests to diagnose the virus, create vaccines to prevent it, and identify protocols to eliminate the disease's spread.

Even though we may walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil, for God is with us.... —Psalm 23:4 (NIV)

Heavenly Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the

wider world. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection.

God has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again.

On God we have set our hope.....—2 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV)

Holy Spirit, as families deal with everyone being home as businesses and schools close, we ask that You guide and provide patience for people in their new realities. Give spouses grace for each other. Prompt worn-out parents to speak words of kindness and encouragement to their children. Help the children not give up on their education.

Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. —Psalm 57:1 (NIV)

Jesus, we thank You for Your faithfulness in how you have guided and equipped people in their jobs and have provided in the past. It can be scary and overwhelming not knowing how bills and obligations will be met or to not be able to provide for families. As people feel financial strain during the uncertainty, bring them comfort and peace, reminding them that You are there for them. Provide for them in their times of need. May our tithes and offerings and pledges to the Church of the Roses be directed by your Holy Spirit to make a positive impact on people in our community and world.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. —Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)

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 #306 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

Johann Nageli, 1828

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*Before our *Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

by Georg F. Kaufman

Preacher: Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway
Music: Althea Wright, Myles Ellis
Technology Director: Norm Smith

References: Call to Worship and Congregational prayer by Mary Scifres, on the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/blog/entry/1779/worship-elements-october-16-2011>
Offering prayer by Rev. Teri Peterson, Crystal Lake IL.

TODAY IS DEACON BUDDY DAY!



PRAYER REQUESTS Please include in your prayers

- *The family of Lucy Poindexter, as they mourn her passing on Oct. 24, 2020.
- *The family of Althea Wright's ex-husband, Larry, who passed away Aug. 16th.
- *The family of Helen Burns, as they mourn her passing on August 14th.
- *The family of Elizabeth Ann Palmer, as they mourn her passing on July 24th.

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

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| Bill Beaumont | Janice Holmes | Shirley Walton |
| Bob Bunting | Carolyn Kenworthy | Bob Weber |
| Patrick Butler | Margret Kram | Jill White |
| Peggy Call | Vivian Mazeski | Roger White |
| Stephanie Caron | Luu Maxwell | Helen Wikle |
| Doreen Cowden | Jessica Morse | Betty Witchey-Ryer |
| Dick Draper | Beverly Mueller | Betsy Yeager |
| Danny Duchsherer | Debbie Seat | Avery Yudice |
| Barbara Flannery | Bob Simmons | |
| Marilyn Hilan | Sharon Sorani | |

*** Beverly Mueller is now in Rehab on Summerfield. She can take calls at 707.539.1515, room 8b.*

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

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