

Wycliffe Presbyterian Church

WELCOME - To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and seek fellowship - welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wycliffe is following Christ to renew our church & the community. Join in this mission through worship, by connecting with others, by contributing your talents and resources in service to others, and through cultivating your spiritual and emotional health.

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In Gratitude from the Smiths

Our sincere thanks to each of you for your love and support during our daughter Amy's battle with metastatic renal cell carcinoma. The cards, calls, food, and thoughts & prayers have and continue to mean so much. We do know that she is finally pain-free and at peace with our Lord.

With love to our Wycliffe family,
Tom & Betty

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Be still.
God is in control.

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Sec Sunday after Pentecost

June 10, 2018

Rev. Garrett Bugg, pastor

Preparation for Worship: "Be confident of this: He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:6)

God is as present and as active as gravity in every moment of our lives, including the hurt we receive and the hurt we cause. Everything belongs to God, and everything, no matter how awful, is gathered up in the final victory of God's life-giving grace. We can learn to trust that the Present One is within us, and even when we do not know, we can trust. Grace will happen. (Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

Welcome & Announcements
(please sign & pass the red Friendship pad)

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

***PSALM 130** (NIV, all read the bold)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?

*But with you, there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.*

**I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.**

*I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning.*

**Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.**

***Share the Peace of Christ**
Children's Time with the Pastor

A TIME OF CONFESSION (all read the bold)



Eternal God, in every age you raise up men and women to live and die in faith, and yet we remain afraid. The gospels tell us that Jesus has cast out all fear, and still we huddle in darkness.

Of what am I afraid?

Being wrong? - being alone? - being powerless? - being unloved?

What is my deepest fear?

Insecurity? - Failure? - Pain? - Death?

Forgive me, O God, for forgetting that you have already overpowered all that I fear. (a time of silence)

All sing ~ Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
 be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. (Repeat)

The Assurance of God's Grace & Pardon

Hear these words from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (4:13-5:1, New Century version)

It's written in the Scriptures, "I believed, so I spoke."

Our faith is like this, too. We believe, and so we speak. God raised the Lord Jesus from the dead, and we know that God will also raise us with Jesus. All these things are for you.

The grace of God that is being given to more and more people will bring increasing thanks to God for his glory. So we do not give up. Our physical body is becoming older and weaker, but our spirit inside us is made new every day.

We have small troubles for a while now, but they are helping us gain an eternal glory that is much greater than the troubles. We set our eyes not on what we see, but on what we cannot see. What we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever.

We know that our body - the tent we live in here on earth - will be destroyed. But when that happens, God will have a house for us. It will not be a house made by human hands. It will be a home in heaven that will last forever.



HYMN 661 - "Why Should I Feel Discouraged?" (remain seated & sing)

Scripture ~ Mark 3: 20-35

The Word of God is Opened to Us

Gordon Tubbs



The Offering is received

"Write Your Word Upon My Heart"

arr. L. Larson

Every word that you have spoke, each command you give today, holy vows that can't be broken; Lord, please write upon my heart, write your word upon my heart. Every grace that you have granted, each small thing your hand supplies, every seed of faith you've planted; Lord, please write upon my heart, write your grace upon my heart. Love the Lord with all your strength, cherish God with all your heart. Bind his wisdom to your spirit, from God's Word do not depart . . . Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart . . .



A PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (all read the bold)

Because God loves the world, and because Christ walked it, we dare to pray:
God send your Spirit.

To connect the words of ancient scripture to the life of the world today;
to let the urgent summons of Jesus surpass our reticence to respond:
God, send your Spirit.

To awaken the minds of those in power to the realities of those they govern;
to confront the arrogance of the privileged with the vulnerability of the poor:
God, send your Spirit.

To eradicate the distance between our convictions and commitments,
our potentials and our performance,
our faith and our discipleship: **God, send your Spirit.**

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (p. 35, hymnal)

***WE AFFIRM OUR BELIEFS** (all read the bold)

People of God, in whom do you believe?

We believe in God, who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath, who is beyond describing, yet knows us all by name.

We believe in Jesus Christ who came in the body to give worth to every human life.

He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable, and rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, **who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should prioritize justice, care of the earth, and healing of the nations.**

We celebrate the potential of the Church, the life in our bodies and the yearning of our souls, **and the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord.**

***HYMN 846 "Fight the Good Fight"**

***THE BENEDICTION**

All are welcomed to the Fellowship Hall for coffee & conversation.
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)

