

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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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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June 17, 2018 ~ Father's Day

Rev. Garrett Bugg, pastor

Preparation for Worship ~ "Do not look on his appearance or on his height. The Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." (1 Samuel 15:34-35)

A man's worth is measured by how he parents his children: what he gives them, what he keeps away from them; the lessons he teaches, and the lessons he allows them to learn on their own. (Leonard Rogers)

Prelude

"It is Well with My Soul"

arr. P. Kelvern

Jeff Phelps, cello

Welcome & Announcements

Please sign & pass the red friendship pad

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

***THE LORD KNOWS THE RIGHTEOUS** (from Psalm 1)

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
**nor stands in the way of sinners,
or sits in the seat of the scornful.**

Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
**who meditates on God's law
both day and night.**

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water
that bring forth fruit in its season;
**and whatever he does shall prosper
for the Lord knows the way of the righteous.**

***ALL SING** - This is my story; this is my song!

Praising my Savior, all the day long!

This is my story; this is my song!

Praising my Savior, all the day long!

***SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Children's time with the Pastor)





Hear these words from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (5:6-10, 14-17)

We are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him, who died and was raised for them. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away. See! Everything has become new.

A TIME OF CONFESSION (all read the bold)

Thomas, the doubter, my brother, my teacher, my friend,

lend me your faith, the gift of your searching, your hunger for Jesus alone;

the faithfulness to seek the Living One,

the love to touch the Suffering One,

the courage to face the Despised One,

the humility to seek the Forgiving One.

Thomas, my elder, my guide - **lend me your faith,**

the goading questioning, **the fiery honesty that burns away pride and lazy faith.**

Gentle Thomas, speak kindly to Christ of me, for like you, **I am only seeking Christ,** restless for the Risen One who, in his merciful grace, may redeem us.



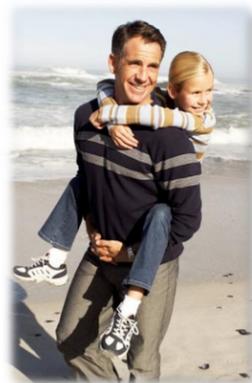
All sing 1. In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.



In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to - day.

2. In our homes, Lord . . . 3. In your world, Lord . . .

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON ~ and all say: Thanks be to God!



Hear these words from the prophet Ezekiel (17:22-24)

The Lord says, "I will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain heights of Israel, I'll plant it, and it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the forest will know that I, the Lord, bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall, and can dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

Proclamation in Song

"Love is Little"

Shaker Spiritual/R. Barnett

Jeff Phelps, cello

Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirit grow - grow in peace, grow in light;
love will do the thing that's right.
Grow in peace, grow in light; love will do the thing that's right.



Scripture ~ Mark 4:26-34
The Word of God is Opened to Us

Rev. Garrett Bugg

The Offering is received as all sing

HYMN 171 "A Sower Came from Ancient Hills" (remain seated)

A PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

You think you know the sprouts in the garden of your life:
which may be the heirloom vegetables and which the cursed weeds,
and you tromp through, plucking all sorts of things from the seedbed of certainty.
Impatient people yank the loveliest of herbs because they thought they knew.

But you don't know.

You don't know what nameless weeds will bless and blossom,
bear unimagined fruit, even among the thorns, in a harvest beyond your reckoning.
You do not know whose weedy life is, in the other world, burgeoning with God's glory.

The fruits of heaven grow on the shabbiest stalks.
Only later will you see the work of the One Who Sows,
the One Who Gathers.

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER

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

***WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH** (all stand & say together)

People of God, in whom do you place your trust?

We trust in God, Spirit of life,
Creator of all that is and all that is to come;
who surrounds and fills us;
who speaks the Word of life; and so we listen.

We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God,
our brother and teacher who lives in prayer and love.
He gave his life in love; but God raised him to life
that is eternal, and so we follow him.

We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit,
God alive in us for the healing of the world.

We trust in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
the mystery of eternal life,
and the gift of seeds.

*Hymn 691 "Lord, When I Came into This Life"

*Benediction

*All sing "The Celtic Alleluia" (Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia)

 Please join us for coffee & conversation in the Fellowship Hall
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)