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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

July 21, 2019

10:00am

6th Sunday After Pentecost

DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Greeting

(Please complete Prayer Concerns)

Gathering Prayer:

Grant us this day, O God, not to be overtaken by anxious thoughts that can make us feel that you are not near. Give us the chance to sit at your feet, to enjoy every word, and every musical note, that we may feel your real presence and in turn live out that presence within our families, our communities, our jobs, and our schools. Prepare us as we journey as your people, to worship and to obey. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the image of the invisible God, and the firstborn over all creation. Amen.

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

We come to Christ—image of the invisible God.

**In Christ is the creation of all things in heaven and earth,
thrones or kingdoms, rulers or power.**

We come to Christ in whom all things hold together.

**In Christ is the church, the fullness of God,
and the possibility of the Resurrection.**

We come to Christ, in whose cross is found reconciliation for all things.

**In Christ is profound peace—
from hostility, division, and even from sin and death itself.**

Let us worship and praise God!

***Opening Song of Praise:** "Be Thou My Vision"

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(Prayer Concerns Collected)

AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

***Call to Confession**

We live with this reality: God never forgets what we have done but, in mercy, forgives those whose hearts are full of repentance. Let us confess those things that break our relationship with God, assured that God will never break relationship with us.

***Prayer of Confession**

Liturgist: Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha. We get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take the time to stop and breathe, to look up and to notice the creation you have given and the way it speaks about your love and passion for your people. We do not take time to listen for your words, while reading the Bible, while listening to music, while talking to friends, and we become worried and upset about many things.

Pastor: Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary. We devote our time to looking up, thinking that everything we are commanded to do is to love God, and we forget to serve our neighbor, and to commit our time to the concrete work of the church, forgetting to get our hands dirty.

ALL: God of balance, help us: forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers. In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we can, indeed, keep the best part. In the name of our loving Master. Amen.

***Time of Silent Confession**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Before, because of your evil thoughts and actions, you were strangers and enemies of God. Now, you have been reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Christ. Live thankfully!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* **Gloria:** "Halle Halle Halle" (refrain only) #591

***Our Faithful Response:** "Come, Great God of All the Ages" #309

LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:**Luke: 10:38-42**

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Sermon:**The Rev. Leslie Latham****RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE*****Affirmation of Faith:** Colossians 1:15-28**Unison**

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.

I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is

Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Invitation to the Offering:

God has given us healing, word, forgiveness. God has given us so much! Let us now take the time to respond in gratitude, by giving of what has been given to us.

Offertory:

***Praising God's Goodness – Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication:**

Unison

God, we give today in thankfulness and with the assurance that anything we give will contribute to the continuing growth of your kingdom in the world. Give us wisdom as a church, so that this offering is used for the sharing of your word and the service of your people. In the name of the One that gave us everything we are and have. Amen.

ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

***Hymn of Sending:** "The Church's One Foundation"

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***Benediction:**

***Postlude:**

* Those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP AIDS:

Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers. Children’s Sanctuary - at the rear of the church

Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.

Deacon’s Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.

New Prayer Concerns or Joys

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Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week: Ken Zimmer and Family of Harry Tauscher

Continuing Prayers: Scott Greenawalt, Tim, Pat & Bob Erisman, Kris Yettra, Ruth Gebera, Judy Geerkin, Paul Card, Nadia, Joey, Doris Carlson, Bonnie Bringham, Marlene Tyrrell, Deal Kowsky, Bentley, Drew, Peggy Hess, Kyle Donovan, Ken Zimmer, Sue Schurr, Shirley Hagle, and Weber Family.

Prayers and caring for our homebound: Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; and Sue Strasser

Because God’s love is for all - everyone is always welcome.

We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319

LITURGIST: Alvin Marohn

GREETER: Ina Charsley

USHERS: Team 4

STEPHEN MINISTERS: are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

REMINDER: Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

Hunger Sunday: TODAY - Sunday, July 21

Don't forget that the third Sunday of the month is Hunger Sunday. Food and cash donations are welcome and proceeds are donated to the Twin Cities Community Outreach. Thank you for your continued support.

Presbyterian Women's Annual Summer Luncheon: Wed., August 7 at 12pm -

The Hide-A-Way Restaurant on Division and Rumboldt in N. Tonawanda. The cost is \$20.00. Bring an item for the Silent Auction. Proceeds to benefit the Twin Cities Community Outreach. For more information, see Laura Marohn.

Summer Concert in the Park-Marla Maertin Memorial Concert: This concert will take place on Sunday, August 18 at 2pm in the Gazebo at Clinton Park. Stay tuned for more details to follow.

July 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 Worship 10a Hunger Sunday	22 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	23	24	25 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p	26 UFO 7p	27
28 Worship 10a	29 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	30	31 Circle II 9a	1 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p	2 UFO 7p	3

August 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Worship 10a	5 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	6 Deacons 1p	7 Circle II 9a PW Summer Luncheon 12p Hide-A-Way	8 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p Worship Team 3p H4W 6:30p	9 UFO 7p	10
11 Worship 10a	12 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p	13	14 Circle II 9a	15 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p	16 UFO 7p	17
18 Worship 10a Outdoors Hunger Sunday Concert in the Park – Marla Maertin Memorial Concert 2p	19 AA 9a TOPS 6:30p CE Mtg 6p Session 7p	20 Memory Lane 10:30a-2:30p	21 Circle II 9a Healing Service 6:30p	22 AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p H4W 6:30p	23 UFO 7p	24
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