

God's Grace Is Sufficient

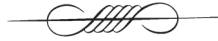
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OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission is to love God and love our neighbor.



*Our Vision is to be a Christian Community that worships together,
serves together, and grows together in faith.*

VISITING TODAY?

*If this is your first time worshipping with us,
we hope you will feel welcome.*

*If you have questions, please don't hesitate
to reach out to us by phone or email. We also invite you to visit
our website at www.mediapresbyterian.org*

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**All who can do so comfortably are invited to stand*

Welcome

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude

Sean Michael McDonald, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

*** Sharing the Joy of Our Faith** *(We encourage you to greet others and receive greetings while remaining in your pews. We encourage you to wave, offer the peace sign, clap your hands, tap your feet, whichever way you choose - we are blessed to be together to worship while remaining a safe physical distance apart. If you are worshipping virtually, we invite you to extend greetings using the chat feature.)*

Call to Worship

Leader: Please join me in the call to worship From 2 Chronicles 20.

Leader: God, we do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.

People: Thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.

Leader: You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.'

People: Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed.

Leader: Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be established; believe his prophets, and you will succeed."

People: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever."

Opening Hymn/Song

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Led by Jesse Shutt

Children's Moment

Blessing of the Children (All)

Dear God, bless your children here, in our neighborhood and in our ministries throughout the coming week. Show them your goodness. Give them your peace for when they are afraid. Teach them to hear your voice. And be with us now and throughout this week, as we seek to worship you. Amen.

Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9)

Liturgist: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(a time of honesty before God in silent confession)

Prayer of Confession (All)

Righteous God, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess we have not bowed before Him, and we are slow to acknowledge His rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by Your justice and love. In Your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Him as ruler of all, that we may be His loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (from Psalm 91: 14-16)

Liturgist: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them,
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Receive the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Peter 4: 12-16

NRSV (*page 986*)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 2-10

NRSV (*page 933*)

Sermon

“God’s Grace Is Sufficient”

Rev. Rose Sparrow

RESPONSE

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles’ Creed

Please join me in the affirmation of faith, the Apostles Creed.

Brothers and sisters what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection
of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

At this time we are invited to join God in generosity. One of the most famous verses in the Bible, John 3:16 states, "for God so loved the world that He gave His Son. So that whoever believes in Him might not perish but that they might have eternal life." We invite you to give, right now. You can navigate to the MPC website and click the **GIVE ONLINE** button in the top right corner. You can also mail a check or drop off a check in the church mailbox. If you are unable to give financially, you are still invited to Join Jesus in generosity. You may give your heart, you may give your life, you may give your service. If you would like to offer your gifts through the ministry of the church, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan or Pastor Rose. Freely you have received, freely give.

Offering Song

Way Maker
Sebastian Carpenter

* Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

After the Words of Institution, we invite you to celebrate Communion using your bread and your juice. If you are in the sanctuary, you will be invited to take a single-serve communion cup. Remove the first wrapper for the wafer, the second for the grape juice.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion/ Sean Michael McDonald, Organ
Meditation

Prayer of Affirmation

***Closing Hymn/Song** *Seek Ye First*
Lisa VanHeldorf

CHARGE AND BLESSING

***Postlude** Sean Michael McDonald, Organ

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Leading worship this morning...

Rev. Jonathan Fettig, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Rose Sparrow, *Interim Parish Associate*

Carrie Biermann, *Director of Children & Family Ministries*

Sebastian Carpenter, *Director of Contemporary Worship, Interim Youth Director*

Elder Steve Buxton, *Worship Leader*

Lisa VanHeldorf, *Choir Director*

Sean Michael McDonald, *Organist*

Small Group Questions

1 Corinthians 12:2-10

Questions to ponder as we get to know a little about each other:

- What was the most fulfilling job you ever had?

Questions to help us dig into the Scripture:

- What was life like when you first began to believe that “Jesus is Lord”?
- Verses 4-6 indicate that some Corinthians felt certain spiritual gifts were better than others. Have you ever encountered a similar attitude? In yourself?
- How is the diversity of the gifts related to the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Questions to help us apply the Scripture to our own life, to take personal inventory and share with the group what you are going to do as a result:

- Of the spiritual gifts listed, which have you received? Is this list all-inclusive?
- How have you used your gift for the common good? Have you ever seen a spiritual gift not used for the common good?