

Order of worship

August 16, 2020



Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Call to worship (Psalm 105:1-6)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples.
Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord;
tell of all God's wonderful works.
Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and God's strength; seek God's presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done,
God's miracles, and the judgments the Lord uttered,
O offspring of God's servant Abraham, children of
Jacob, the Lord's chosen ones.

Opening Hymn: "The Summons"

Prayer of confession

Lord of wind and waves, creation and creatures, your power is at work everywhere, stilling the storms, offering peace, lifting us up from the depths of our greatest fears. You come to us immediately when we call and yet we still lack faith in your ability and will to work within and around us. We get distracted and afraid, focused on that which threatens us rather than the One who saves us. We act out of a sense of scarcity, as if there is not enough of God's love, grace and abundant goodness for everyone. In our anxiousness we hurt those entrusted to our care, we injure the earth we are to steward and we fail to tend your sheep. Forgive our failings and mistakes and in your mercy reform us into the people you call us to be, those blessed to be a blessing. Amen.

Assurance of pardon (Romans 10:13)

Scripture tells us that those who call on the name of the Lord will be saved, that no one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame. Trusting this sure promise, we rejoice that God hears our confession and forgives us. Friends, believe the good news, in Christ you are a new creation, the old has passed away and a new life has begun.

Anthem: "Great is Thy Faithfulness", arr. by Lloyd Larson

Scripture Lessons

Message

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Lord God, as we navigate strong headwinds and seek to see you through our fatigue and fears, we confess that you are truly the Son of God, the Savior of the world, the one who stills the storm and immediately reaches out your hand to keep us from drowning. We rest for a moment in the joy of your presence, no longer afraid, free from anxiety, assured that you do not leave us alone, but seek us out when we are most in need of your peace.

We know, Lord of all, that none of our thoughts and hopes, our doubts or worries are off limits to your care and compassion. We know you, our teacher and our friend, welcome us as we are and hear whatever is on our hearts and minds. We ask you to hear our prayers for those in our midst most battered by the storms of our time.

Grab the hands of those about to go under the waves of poverty or financial crisis. We ask for your intervention on behalf of families unable to provide basic necessities for their children, our siblings wrestling with food insecurity, those on the cusp of eviction and the unemployed facing the end of benefits. As we see those about to be swamped by the waves of this pandemic, move us to act in ways that lift others out of the roiling sea.

Reach out and give courage and strength to people in leadership positions. Grant them wisdom to make decisions in the best interests of the most vulnerable. Inspire communities to use their power and resources, their will and gifts, to support the people on the margins, those for whom this difficult season has been catastrophic. We pray for teachers, administrators, parents and students as they all seek to navigate a new school year rife with uncertainty and unprecedented challenges. We are mindful of essential workers, who are facing the danger of this public health crisis every day. Protect and sustain them, Lord. We lift up the sick and all those who suffer. Give them hope, bring relief, surround them with your mercy.

Quiet the dangerous winds of discord and division and stir up the breath of the Holy Spirit to heal and unite us. Help us to build up the body, strengthen our witness and reveal to the world that we follow the One who commands us to love one another. May others look at your church and see your hands and feet at work in the world feeding and tending, forgiving and repairing, doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God.

In this moment, Lord God, we rest in your presence, certain that you are our Savior and the Savior of the world, able to do abundantly more than we can ever hope or imagine, never far from us, always reaching out your hand to save us when we fear the wind and waves of life will overtake us. We worship and praise you as we pray the prayer you taught us, saying,
Our father ...

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Closing Hymn: "Be thou my vision"

Charge & Benediction

All of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart and a humble mind.
Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing.
It is for this that you were called — that you might inherit a blessing.
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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Sundays, 10 am

FB Livestream Sunday Service

Wednesdays, 7 pm

FB Livestream Prayer Service

Wednesdays, 8 pm

*Devotional/Prayer Time
via ZOOM**

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Re-opening for worship Survey

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete the survey on Survey Monkey. We found out after sending the survey to the entire congregation, that there was a limit to the number of submissions the free plan would accept. Please follow the *second link sent to you in your email if you have not submitted yet*. If you need a link, please email Courtney in the office at office@victorpres.org. Please take just a couple of minutes to let us know your thoughts regarding the issue of reopening the church facility for worship on Sunday mornings. You can fill out the survey anonymously or sign your name. There is space for you to offer comments as well as simply answer some basic questions. If you have more detailed questions or concerns, please email or call Pastor Colin directly and we will address those. Your input is critical to our decision-making process, so thank you for your participation.

Prayer requests

One common theme in the comments from the survey so far, is having more anonymity among the prayer requests online. During Wednesday evening worship on Facebook live, Pastor Colin invites you to share your prayer requests. It is understood that not everyone wants to share those requests on a public forum. If you would like to keep your prayer requests private or anonymous, or to share specific prayer request to members only that we will include in the weekly bulletin, please message Pastor Colin directly at pastor@victorpres.org or call 585-734-7007.

Internet speed at church

For the past several months, we have been working on getting an upgrade on our internet from Frontier to Spectrum. The process has been extremely slow going, and right now we are waiting on the approval from the Village to get the construction started. After that, we anticipate it happening fairly quickly. We understand that sometimes the speed has been less than ideal with the Facebook Live worship. Rest assured, we are working on it and hope to have it up and running soon! Last week our new camera arrived and Bill Martz and Dave Henderson were able to get it installed. As soon as we are able to switch internet providers, look forward to a much improved livestream experience!