

Order of worship

September 20, 2020



Prelude

“Ayre” by Telemann

Welcome & Announcements

Releasing the Burden

Most Holy One we come to you in this moment seeking to fully be in your presence.

We offer you the distractions in this space. Compel our hearts with beauty.

We accept your peace and allow the thoughts that intrude to pass on by.

We place into your hands the burdens of our lives and the responsibilities that are heavy. Hold them for this time Lord and remind us of your loving sovereignty.

We offer up our sorrows that your hope might keep us from being overwhelmed.

We surrender to you our desires and expectations.

In this moment O God, empower us to be present in your presence.

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 the Lord, sing praises to God;
tell of all the Lord'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 the Lord's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles and the judgments God uttered,

O offspring of God's servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, the Lord's chosen ones.

Hymn #455

All Creatures of Our God and King

Call to Confession*

God offers us grace, and yet we grumble. God hears our grumbling and provides, and yet we want more. God's generosity knows no bounds, and yet we begrudge God's goodness. Recognizing the many ways we miss the mark of discipleship, we come to a time of confession, grateful that God's loving kindness persists even in the face of our ongoing sin.

Prayer of Confession*

Lord God, you hear our cries of pain and our murmured complaining. Your relentless compassion for your people defies any human logic or understanding. You provide manna in the wilderness, bread from heaven and the assurance that you will not abandon us in our need. Despite your overflowing goodness, we grumble. Rather than rejoice in your grace to us, we resent that you extend kindness to others. Instead of gratitude for your mercy, we question why you would embrace those we think undeserving — forgetting that none of us are righteous, all of us saved by grace. Forgive us for judging others and begrudging your generosity. We thank you for yet again hearing our cries and responding with love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Jesus Christ came not for the righteous, but to save sinners.

Therefore, we can believe the good news that we are in fact
Forgiven and even now made new creations in Christ.

Anthem

Gaelic Blessing by John Rutter

Scripture Lesson (Selections from Exodus 16, Acts 16:25-34)

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Message

Prayers of the People & 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.

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Closing Hymn #538

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Benediction*

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always.

Postlude

Psalm XX by Gordon Young

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Virtual Worship Opportunities

Sundays, 10 am

FB Livestream Sunday Service

Wednesdays, 7 pm

In-person and FB Livestream Prayer Service

Wednesdays, 8 pm

*Devotional/Prayer Time via ZOOM**



WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

Announcements

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In-person Wednesday Devotional service

We will be welcoming you to in-person worship in the sanctuary again this Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm for our mid-week devotional service. This service is shorter in duration, does not include our full music staff, and provides a good format for us to establish and practice our safety protocols. Details about our safety plan, registration, and participant expectations were sent via email this week. This will be limited, so **register early for your space**. Email the office if you have any questions.

New small group education opportunity

"HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST" by Ibram X. Kendi. Following the powerful learnings and growth from our last small group that studied "White Fragility", we are excited to continue the important work of addressing the racial realities of our contemporary experience. If you would like to join in the conversation, **please let Pastor Colin know by Monday, September 21**. Once we know who and how many people are interested we will coordinate a time to meet that works for you.

Youth Group opportunities

Youth Group opportunities are on the way. If there is a Jr/Sr High student in your home, keep an eye out for an invitation from Alfred and Pastor Colin.

Prayer requests

During Sunday worship and Wednesday evening prayer time on FB livestream, Pastor Colin invites you to share your prayer requests. If you would like to keep your prayer requests private or anonymous and not on this public forum, please message Pastor Colin directly at pastor@victorpres.org or call 585-734-7007.

Office Hours

Formal office hours are now Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10-2. Immediate concerns on other days can be emailed to Courtney Maltman at office@victorpres.org. The office email is checked regularly and we will get back to you asap.

