

Sept. 26, 2021

Presbyterians Sharing Sunday



Piano Prelude Gnessienne No. 3 – *E. Satie*
Children's Song #4 – *C. Corea*
Lord of All Power – *B. Edstrom*

Welcome

Call to Worship

With wisdom and generosity,

God created us.

With grace and compassion,

Jesus embraces us.

With ideas and inspiration,

the Holy Spirit transforms us.

Together, let us worship God.

Hymn – *Let Us Build a House* (v.1, 2, 5)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Response to Prayer **449**

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love; send us power; send us grace!

Pardon

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

A Time with Children and Youth

St. Columba Kids Club

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God,

by your word and spirit,

that in your word we may find light,

in your truth find freedom,

and in your ways discover our peace. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 32: 1-15

2 Kings 4: 1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn **805** (v.1, 3, 4) – *Give Thanks, My Soul, for Harvest*

Sermon – *Spreading Hope*

Hymn **663** (tune 497, Austria) – *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

A Moment for Mission *Presbyterians Sharing video*

Prayers of the People

Loving God,
hear our prayer.

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn **626** – *Lord of All Power*

Benediction

Piano Postlude *Come, Children, Join to Sing – arr. L. Larson*

St. Columba's Welcome Statement

We are called to love, respect and value God's world
and all the people who inhabit it.

Our community is strengthened and enriched
by the full inclusion of people of all ages, races, abilities,
sexual orientations, gender identities, spiritual perspectives,
and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Everyone is invited to travel with us
as we each explore our journeys of faith,
whether the path is clear or winding, easy or exhausting,
or sometimes just feels like it is going round in circles.

Together, we work to make our community one
where God's love is truly known.

Hymns

Hymn – *Let Us Build a House*

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome
all are welcome in this place.

Hymn 805 (v.1, 3, 4) – *Give Thanks, My Soul, for Harvest*

Give thanks, my soul, for harvest,
for store of fruit and grain,
but know the owner gives us
that we may share again;
where souls are lone and hungry,
where needy children cry,
with gifts from God's rich bounty
may thankfulness reply.

Give thanks, my soul, for labours,
that strength and days employ,
but know your Maker's purpose
brings toil as well as joy.
Where leads the path to error,
where justice lies in chain,
where hoarders cause new hunger,
there must we strive again.

Give thanks, my soul, for beauty,
for vision, hope and skill,
for Christ, divine revealer
of God's redeeming will.
Show forth, O God, your purpose;
direct our will and hand
to share your love and bounty
with all, in every land.

Hymn 663 (tune 497, Austria) – *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
towards the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted,
gain through powers your Grace conferred.
Ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Hymn 626 – *Lord of All Power*

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all.
If e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall,
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 32: 1-15 (NRSV)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, “Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; King Zedekiah of Judah shall not escape out of the hands of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be given into the hands of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye; and he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I attend to him, says the Lord; though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed?”

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

2 Kings 4:1-7 (NRSV)

Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves.” Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?” She answered, “Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil.” He said, “Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not just a few. Then go in, and shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside.” So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” But he said to her, “There are no more.” Then the oil stopped flowing. She came and told the man of God, and he said, “Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest.”