

Sunday Worship September 5, 2021

Draw near to God for God is waiting for you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

Let us worship God this day.

OPENING PRAYER

Worker God, whose hands built the earth, molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky, we gather in your presence this morning with praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds. Meet us here, Worker God; strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with you in the building of a world filled with justice and peace. Amen.

*HYMN #664 Morning Has Broken

- 1. Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

LITANY PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

Lord, you know how often we have resented our work;

Forgive us, Lord, for our ingratitude.

And you know how often we have neglected our abilities;

Forgive us, Lord, for our poor stewardship.

And you know how often we've been careless in our studies;

Forgive us, Lord, for not using our minds.

And you know how often we've wasted time on the job;

Forgive us, Lord, for our heart's insincerity.

And you've seen how shoddy some of our work has been;

Forgive us, Lord, for our carelessness.

And you've heard how often we've said we can't wait to get out;

Forgive us, Lord, for not working with all our heart.

And you know we've often worked only to please others;

Forgive us for failing to remember it is you we are serving.

Hear our prayer, and in the mercy of Jesus Christ, cleanse us for his name's sake. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING AND ASSURANCE

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 2:4b-15

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

- *HYMN #700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
- 1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)
- 2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)
- 3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)
- 4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 3:22-24

Servants, obey those who are your human masters in everything, not with eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people, ²⁴ knowing that *it is* from the Lord that you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

SERMON Come Labor On

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We work for you, God, in whatever we do. Paid labor, volunteer work, our home life--all our time we spend for you. Thank you for jobs which provide us with an income; we share the fruit of our labor with you, knowing that you are the Great Provider. Use these offerings in your kingdom work, as your provide good news, healing and hope to all people. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*HYMN #526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

- 1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!
- 2. Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!
- 3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: September 5, 2021

Due to the prevalence of the Delta variant, masks are required for those unvaccinated and highly recommended for everyone else.

<u>September 11th at 6:00pm at the Ruth farm</u>. Family and Friends join us for a Picnic Celebration. We will have a picnic with hotdogs and sides as well as toast marshmallows for s'mores as we celebrate us all back together in a Kirkwood Camp style. There will be games and a sing-a-long. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite camping memories! Please call the church office to sign up or stop by the church.

<u>Wednesday noontime</u>: This Wednesday September 8, 2021. Bring your lunch and if it is a nice day we will sit outside under the tree in the back so bring your chair. If the weather is dreary or too hot we will meet inside. We hope you can join us.

<u>BLOOD DRIVE SEPT 11TH</u> 8AM to 1PM in Fellowship Hall. Due to ongoing, but thankfully lessening Covid concerns, there will be safety precautions and screening of donors. The Red Cross strongly encourages pre-scheduled appointments instead of walk-ins. Schedule your appointment today, please call or email Dana Daniels at 215 450 0705, dldpineville@verizon.net. Thank you!

Calendar: September 6 – Labor Day – Offices Closed.

September 7 – 7pm Christian Ed. on Zoom.

September 8 – 12noon, Bring your lunch and chair and join us for lunch.

1pm – Chicken Barbeque mtg.

September 11 – 8am Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall.

6pm Church Picnic – Ruth's farm.

September 12 – 10AM- Sunday services in church and on Zoom.

https://zoom.us/j/127591875 Meeting ID: 127 591 875

or by phone: 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782 Followed by Coffee and

Conversation. First Day of Sunday School.

Walter Cullerton's Funeral – Saturday September 18, 2021, 2pm at Forest Grove Presbyterian Church, reception following.

Today's Greeter: Maggie Rash/Bill Wark

In our thoughts and prayers: The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, Gail Shaffer, Becky Schroeder, John Thiessen, Lori Tinari, Rebecca Stemplewicz.