

Worship Outline

February 17, 2019

Welcome

Prelude

Meditation

Alice Jordan

Introit

Great Is The Lord

Smith

+Call to Worship (responsive)

How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

The refreshing springs of God's love cleanse and restore us.

There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

The least and the lost are always welcome in God's house.

Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve.

+Prayer of the Day

In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. AMEN.

+Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Unison Prayer of Confession

Our failures, shortcomings, and sin are like strong weeds in our lives.

We confess them to God,

So that we may clear away anything

that would choke out our nourishing connection with God.

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
in the fields of our lives,
we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short.
We get so comfortable
that we sleep when we need to be vigilant
about the errors in our own lives
and the injustices around us.
We are so casual about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives
and threatens to overwhelm the good we do.
Forgive us.
Keep us awake so that we can produce the lives you call us to live.

Silence is kept.

Response 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance

The Peace of Christ (responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Let us remember as we greet each other, that God has placed us in God's loving community. All who come to this sanctuary are welcome companions on this day. Please turn to those nearest you and greet them with words of peace.

+Gathering Song 669

Let's Sing unto the Lord

Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.
Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh beginning.
God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans; and God saw it was good, for those
works were filled with beauty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!

*Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,
Which shows our love and faith and hope of all creation.
Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for greatness, and so we sing to God, who
bestows such lovely blessing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!*

Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Anthem

What Makes Me Sing

Schram
Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading
The Word of the Lord.

Matthew 13: 24-43

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

+Hymn 771

What Is the World Like

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering

Invitation

Today many of you are showing your love for Glendale Presbyterian by donating your Per Capita of \$31.00 per member. On behalf of the Stewardship Team, thank you.

Per Capita is one reflection of our commitment to our larger connectional church - the Presbyterian Church PCUSA. Through it we, along with our fellow presbyterians, fund the work of the presbytery, synod, and general assembly.

One of the many ways the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy uses this income to show God's love is through their support for the Nicaragua Community Partnership, a mission project our congregation has also historically supported.

Our presbytery promotes cross-cultural understanding, advocacy, and self-development by sending delegations to Nicaragua every summer, receiving delegations from Nicaragua, conducting informational meetings, and supporting the Scholarship Program, which enables students to get a secondary education. GPC is particularly proud that one of our members has twice been a part of this delegation to the mountains of northern Nicaragua. Talk to Mary Beth Reynolds if you have any questions or are interested in participating.

The Per Capita Assessment is a line item included in the church's budget and we faithfully fulfill our obligation to the denomination every year. Last year, 30 members paid their per capita by March 1 which helped offset the total expense. The Stewardship Team challenges the congregation to double that number this month. Your per capita donation may be made by check or cash and, while not required, you even have a designated blue envelope in your offering box. Thank you again for your support.

Church family, what we have received comes from seed sown in us by Jesus Christ. Having received the blessings of the harvest begun in us, let us return to God fruits of the blessings we have received.

Offertory

Andante
Guilmant

+Doxology 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above, ye heavenly host; praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

+Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we offer back to you what we have been given:
our treasure, our time, and our lives.

Bless our gifts and multiply them for your purposes. Amen.

Sending

+Hymn 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

+Blessing and Charge

+Congregational Response 547 (verse 1)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*Go my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

Postlude

Classic Postlude in G

Wilson

Ministry Matters: Worship Connection, August 26, 2018; Worship Ways: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
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