

Order of Service for Online Worship
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Sunday, November 15, 2020

10:00 AM on Facebook www.facebook.com/WRPC/

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Prelude

Song of Hope

Organist, Julie Pulliam

Argentine Folk Melody, Presbyterian Hymnal #432

Alvin Schutmaat

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

Call to Worship*

Like empty jars, we come to be filled.

Like ornamental candles, we come to be set ablaze.

Like aged wine in a cask, we come to be poured out.

Like weary travelers, we come to find rest.

Like lovers drifted apart, we come to be reconciled.

Like little children, we come open to surprise!

Hear the word of God and make your reply: "My heart has heard you say,

'Come and talk with me, O my people!'"

And my heart responds, "God, I am coming!"

Call to Prayer

The path to authentic renewal is through repentance. In order to become more like Jesus, we must be willing to let him reveal those aspects of our lives which need to be changed. Let us accept the invitation "Come unto me..." by gratefully, confidently laying our lives before Christ now. Let us pray...

Prayer for Renewal

Loving God, in the week that is past we each have let go of the rope of our very good intentions, averted our eyes from the sorrow or pain of someone else, failed to renew our own physical, emotional, and spiritual resources, made a decision without the guidance of prayer. We have excused these small mistakes without regard to the consequences of all our actions in the world. Forgive us and make us newly self-aware. Plant a conscience and hope in the middle of our lives. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

God offers forgiveness instead of excuses and, forgiven, we are strengthened to live as children of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

**Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts
and your Spirit govern our lives
until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Judges 4: (synopsis of vv.1-10 about Deborah), 17-22 (about Jael)

I Thessalonians 5:1-2, 9-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message: Strength and Hope in Tough Times

Affirmation of Faith

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

People are free to seek life ^[SEP]within the purpose of God:

to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare,^[SEP]

to work for justice and peace in society,^[L]^[SEP]

and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

--Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.17

Prayers of the People concluding with 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Charge

1 Thessalonians 5:14b-24, 28

“encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them.

¹⁵See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit.

²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

²⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Benediction

“May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.”*

And, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you all, now and evermore. **Amen.**

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