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October 18, 2020

20th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude

"The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal Hopson
Susan Cummings, flute

Minute for Stewardship

Liz Bradley

Romans 12 – 13:

Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times...Share your belongings with your fellow Christians and open your home to strangers. (Good News Version)

The Romans 12 – 13 truly speaks to me during this COVID – 19 time during our lives. Yes, we must be joyful, think positive, and know that

this will pass if we obey the CDC community rules/suggestions. Every second we must be hopeful and pray 24/7 for complete healing of COVID - 19 and our nation. And, finally, let's look forward to the time that we can love our church community in person. I am focusing on the time I can give and receive hugs from my church family.

Call to Worship (Bold = All)

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART (645)

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
As with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us the burden of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Lord, hear our individual silent prayers of confession...

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of Christ's Peace

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

¹ The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
^{2 a} to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
c to comfort all who mourn;
^{3 b} to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
^{8 a} For I the Lord love justice,
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Gospel: **Matthew 6:19–21**

19“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Sermon

“Faithful Stewardship”

Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Barker

Ascription of Praise

Affirmation of Faith

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Offering (See options for giving at the end of the bulletin)

Offertory Response

"Great Is Your Mercy"

by Don Moen

Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

Sending Hymn

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

BEACH SPRING (716)

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 toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, 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.

Blessing and Charge

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Joys and Concerns

Prayer Requests

If you wish to make a prayer request, call or email your request to Amy by Tuesday. amy@wbpresbyterian.org – Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.

Wear masks and gloves in public. Wash hands frequently. If you are sick, stay home. Apply extra precaution if you are high risk. Please stay safe!

Pastoral Concerns

- Pray for WBPC, our country and our world during this time of pandemic and worldly difficulties
- For Amy Allridge, WBPC administrative assistant, who is having extensive surgery on Oct. 22.
- For Bobbi Cross's husband, Jerry, who had surgery on his broken knee cap and is recovering at home.

Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;
Bruce T. Grady, Associate Pastor;
Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;
Van-Anthony Hall, Leader of @The Table Worship;
Jeff Cleveland, Videography and Production

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