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June 7, 2020

Virtual Service for the Lord's Day

Holy Communion



Welcome and Announcements:

- Today we celebrate Holy Communion, please prepare yourselves with bread and grape juice.
- On Thursday, June 11, at 7:00 PM, the session will examine candidates for confirmation via Zoom.
- Next Sunday, June 14 will be Confirmation Sunday.
- Session will meet via Zoom on Sunday, June 14 at 7:30 PM.
- If you wish to include prayer requests for our Wednesday Conference Prayer Call, please email your request to Amy or Bruce by noon on Tuesday.
amy@wbpresbyterian.org or bgrady9039@gmail.com
- Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.
- *Stay Home! Stay Safe!*

Pastoral Concerns:

- Pray for WBPC, our Country and our World
- Pray for John Woodruff. He's gradually getting better. He is recovering from his surgeries, walking more. He thanks all of you who have sent cards, especially Mrs. Yevonne's Sunday School class.
- Please pray for John Mount-Shoop, he had surgery today.
- Angi van de Sande's mom, Linda.
- Holly Webster's healing.

- Our students and teachers are approaching the end of the academic year. It can be stressful.
- Nicolas Melomo is a member of BSA Troop 398 and his family.

Call to Worship

One: Let us come and gather together virtually in community.
 Let us bring our full selves.
 Let us bring our despair, bring our fear, bring our remorse,
 and bring our hope.

Many: We gather to remember, we gather to repent, we gather to repair.

One: Let us gather together in the name of the one who binds us all together.
 Let us call on the Way of Jesus.
 Let us place ourselves in God’s story of relationship, transformation and justice.

Many: We gather to remember, we gather to repent, we gather to repair.

One: Let us gather together knowing that we have work to do.
 Let us acknowledge our complicity in injustice.
 Let us turn our hearts and our minds toward sacrifice and radical living.

Many: We gather to remember, we gather to repent, we gather to repair.

One: Let us gather together with a yearning for restoration.
 Let us commit our lives to enacting God’s dream of a mended creation.
 Let us call on God to move us.

Many: We gather to remember, we gather to repent, we gather to repair.

Opening Song

“*Dona Nobis Pacem* (Grant Us Peace)”

DONA NOBIS PACEM
 arr. Elizabeth Davis

Facing our Sin and Trusting God’s Grace

One: As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from loving ourselves, loving God and loving our neighbors. Let us pray...

Many: Living God, we confess our complicity in the violence of racism and white supremacy, some of us chained by its oppression and some of us addicted to the privilege it creates. We acknowledge that white supremacy is not what God intends for us, that power built on lies and dehumanization must be confronted and dismantled.

We have betrayed our neighbors with our lack of urgency and our desire for decorum. We repent for the ways we have failed to show up. We repent for the ways we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have refused to sacrifice our comfort, our wealth and our reputation when the lives of others have been on the line.

Oh God, accept our repentance today, for the ways we have neglected the humanity of those who suffer under the evil system of racism and white supremacy. Let our indifference to injustice and our avoidance of culpability end here and now, and may we devote our lives to honoring the full humanity and the full God-like-ness of ourselves and all our black and brown siblings.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

John Merbecke

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us... Christ, Have Mercy Upon Us... Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Lesson:

Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

New Testament Lesson:

Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSV)

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, **35** and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. **36** “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” **37** He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ **38** This is the greatest and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

 **PROCLAMATION** 

The Word Proclaimed

What Does the Lord Require of Me?

Bruce T. Grady

❧ **RESPONSE** ❧

Invitation to Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Tithes and Offerings

In times like these, our financial demands tend to increase rather than decrease. We encourage you to continue to tithe even in the absence of regular gatherings. Here are the ways you can continue to support the ministries at Western Boulevard Presbyterian.

By Check:

Check offerings can be mailed to the church office.

Mail your check to: Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church 4900 Kaplan Drive Raleigh, NC 27606

Give on-line:

Once your profile is set up, just go to <https://wbpresbyterian.com/> and open the pull down menu on the left and click the "GIVE".

From here you can enter your gift amount, the designated fund and frequency of giving.

By Text:

To give via text, send WBPC to the phone number 73256. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. After you give one time, your payment method is saved, so you can quickly give again from your phone.

Offertory

"You are My Strength When I Am Weak"
Van-Anthoney Hall

by Dennis Jernigan

Service of Communion

Communion Song

"I Need You to Survive"
Van-Anthoney Hall

HEZEKIAH WALKER

The Invitation to the Table

We are united in the Holy Spirit

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God...

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

(Serve by intinction in your home.)

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Thank you for calling us to your Table, Lord, where the simple gifts of the bread and of the cup have filled us with your Spirit. As you heal us through the brokenness of Jesus, send us to bring hope to the world. As you satisfy us with the joyous taste of grace, may we offer mercy and peace to everyone we meet. We pray in Jesus' name and Spirit. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & BEATITUDE BLESSING

Blessed are you, in your emptiness and in your desperate cries to God,
For yours is the Grace of God,
the Love that surpasses all understanding.

Blessed are you who cry for your own pain and for the suffering you witness.
For the Holy Spirit is promised to you,
groaning herself where words fall short.

Blessed are you who respond in nonviolence
For you belong to God and one another,
and life will flourish where you seek to protect it.

Blessed are you who ache and fast for justice,
For you will witness the Love of God
acting upon this earth.

Blessed are you who are led by empathy, quick to listen and slow to judge.
You will sow gentleness, kindness and mercy.

Blessed are you who push deeper into your faith.
You will be refreshed to go on.

Blessed are you who work for justice.
You will know the binding Love of God in your life.

Blessed are you who suffer for that work.

You make way for Resurrection



Charge and Benediction

Closing Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”
Van-Anthoney Hall

Hale Smith

Worship Leaders:

Bruce T. Grady, Associate Pastor;
Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;
Van-Anthoney Hall, Soloist and Leader of @The Table Worship;
Taylor Cleveland, Virtual Worship Assistant;
Jeff Cleveland, Video Production

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