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July 26, 2020

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Virtual Service for the Lord's Day



❧ GATHERING ❧

Welcome and Announcements:

- 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.
- Have you heard about congregations becoming a "Matthew 25 Church"? There are already PC(USA) congregations that identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches. We aim to help multiply this loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with mid councils and congregations to help them embrace one or more of these three focuses: 1) Building Congregational Vitality, 2) Dismantling Structural Racism, and 3) Eradicating Systemic Poverty. See the following link for more details. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/become-a-matthew-25-church/>
- Are you interested in an excellent resource that explains systemic racism in our criminal justice system? See a powerful Netflix documentary (13th) at this link: <https://www.netflix.com/title/80091741>.
- Racial Justice Resources Recommended by the PCUSA: <https://www.pcusa.org/racial-justice-resources/>
- ***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.
- Pray for former member, Cris Butcher, who is in bootcamp with the US Marine Corp (Paris Island, SC).
- Pray for Jeff Landons, Joe and Becky Burmester's son-in-law.
- Nicolas Melomo is a member of BSA Troop 398 and his family.
- LouGene Hempill is having severe pain in her shoulder. Please pray for her and the doctors who are seeking to identify the issue.

Call to Worship

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or death?

As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No! In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

Nothing present, nothing that is to come, not power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all of creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.
(Rom. 8:26-39)

Opening Song

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK
Elizabeth Davis

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Facing our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

We pause this morning, O God,
with heavy hearts.
We live in the midst of great and abiding love,
but also in the midst of deceit and lies.
May we be found faithful in all we do.
May we speak the truth in love
and live lives of love each day.
Too often we seek you in the spectacular
and otherworldly.
May we see the many in-breakings of your kingdom
in the everyday, ordinary things of life:
in mustard seeds, yeast,
treasures in fields, and fish gathered in nets.
May we be able to answer with a full-throated yes
when asked if we have understood your teachings
and your call. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

Mark A. Miller
Van-Anthoney Hall

New Testament Lesson: **Romans 8:26-39 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes^[a] with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God,^[b] who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit^[c] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.^[d]

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good^[a] for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.^[b] ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



The Word Proclaimed

"When We Don't Know How to Pray..."

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

One of the ways that we continue to worship God, in the midst of “Social Distancing”, is through GIVING.

If you prefer to present your tithes and offering...

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

“I Need You to Survive”

David Frazier
Van-Anthoney Hall

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, in Christ you taught us to pray,
and promised that we would receive all that we ask in his name.

Hear now our prayers:
For the church universal ...
For this congregation, its mission and ministry ...
For the healing of the earth ...
For peace and justice in the world ...
For nations and leaders ...
For our local community ...
For the poor and oppressed ...
For the bereaved and lonely ...
For all who need healing ...

For all whose day starts with anxiety,
as they leave the security of home
worrying about the risk of infection;
particularly those whose health
or age classifies them as vulnerable.
Loving God, be close, keep them safe,
along with all whose tasks today
includes the care of frail and elderly.
And for all of us, grant wisdom
to make sensible choices, not just
for ourselves, but for everybody.

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.

❧ **SENDING** ❧

Charge and Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Postlude on DARWALLS’ 148th (Rejoice, the Lord is King!)”

arr. Elizabeth Davis

Worship Leaders:

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

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