



McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2020

*“Our hearts are weighed down by our attachments in this life.
As we enter a time of worship, may we exhale our worries and inhale the Spirit of God that surrounds us. May we find here a space for release and reflection- a space to empty our souls and create a refuge for Sabbath rest.”*

Special Music

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Kimball

Choir Chimes- Joan Fitzgerald

Call to worship (based on Ps 13, Rom 6)

How long, O Lord? How long must we hold onto this pain? How long must we har the weights of worry, of guilt, of sorrow? We will move forward, despite the scars. May God’s steadfast love heal our spirits. May God’s steadfast love help us discover the road to salvation. Let us sing with renewed voices. Let us sing of divine generosity.

Opening

“Jesus Loves Me!”

Prayer of confession

Spirit of Creation, whose steadfast love drapes the earth, our human limitations shroud us from you, prodding us to unhealthy tendencies. We choose discordant noises, instead of the melodious sounds of your call. We would rather abide in the vapors of worry, and the smog of self-interest, rather than breathe the refreshing mist of your grace. May the toxic clouds that confine our spirits dissipate, and may we perceive the light of your grace. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

God releases creation from the haze of separation- the division separating us from God and our neighbors from ourselves. In the spirit of God’s freedom, let us delight in the refreshing winds of God’s grace, renewing us all. Amen.

Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

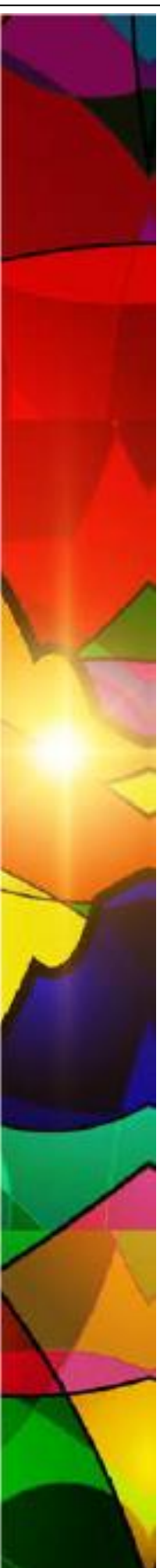
Scripture reading

Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon

Rev. Anthony Gilbert

“Welcome and Hospitality of the Christian Way:”



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.

Affirmation of faith (The Apostles' Creed - Traditional)

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 Ghost, 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.

Closing Hymn


"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Charge and benediction (based on Gen 21)

God's steadfast love is etched into our souls. May we carry it with us always. Whether welcoming the stranger, whether risking all we have, whether facing the cross, whether wrestling with God's call, whether freeing ourselves from our past, God is our constant companion on this journey. Amen!

Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



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Opening Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me!"
Words: Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859
Music: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1861

Closing Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"
Words: Washington Gladden, 1879
Music: Henry Percy Smith, 1874

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday

Helen Knight, June 28th

Joey Starling, June 29th

***Armored Youth** will be meeting for the summer on July 18, 2020 at the home of Mike and Wendi Baker for an outside BBQ, games and water slide provided by Backyard Adventures (Bill Mooneyham, Owner). Bring bathing suit, towel, change of clothes and suntan lotion. TIME: 10am-2pm. Food and Drinks provided. Please RSVP to Jennifer Hallberg by July 6th.