



McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

*"In our darkest hours, God's light continues to shine. In our weariest moments, God's strength is enough. In our times of greatest isolation, God's presence is always near."
Gen 32, Matt 14*

Special Music

Gloria Warren

Call to worship

Come, all who are weary. God strengthens us with love and grace. In this strength, we can do all things. We are here, ready to receive God's blessings.

Opening Hymn #329

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Prayer of confession

Come to us, Almighty God, even in our times of weakness. Enlighten, guide, and bless us through the good and bad times. When we feel worn down by problems, nourish us with your mercy and grace. Fill us with your love, that we may go forth with confidence and faith. In your sovereign name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

God's strength is enough. Christ's forgiveness is sure. Through God's strength and Christ's grace, we are blessed, loved, and made whole.

Gloria Patri


"Glory Be to the Father"

Scripture reading

Luke 2:14-20

Sermon

*Rev. Anthony Gilbert
"This is the Moment"*



Preparation of the Lord's Table

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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 #408

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
(vs. 1, 4, 5 & 6)

Charge and benediction (based on Matt 11)

As we have received light, we go now to bring light to the world. As we have received God's blessings, we go now to be blessings to others.

Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



Special Music: Gloria Warren, Organist
Recorded by McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church

Opening Hymn: #329 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"
Words: Mary Artemesia Lathbury, 1877; alt.
Music: William Fiske Sherwin, 1877; alt.

Closing Hymn (vs. 1, 4, 5 & 6) : "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
Words: Frank Mason North, 1905; alt.
Music: Attr. Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827);
Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday

August 7th, Nancy Pickett

August 8th, Bruce Osthoff

Happy Anniversary

August 6th, George and Joan Fitzgerald, 43rd

*Best Wishes and prayers to Wendi and the Baker family, as she will begin a new full-time position at Adrian Steel- Advanced Van Works in Lakeland/Plant City area. The church office will still be closed during the pandemic, but please contact Anthony at home or leave a message on the church office voice mail. Wendi will continue to help with the church office business till the position is filled.

*Anyone who would like to receive the Lord's Supper in their home and feel comfortable in doing so, please contact Anthony at (863)537-6820.