



# *McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church*

Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 30, 2020

*Let love guide your path, for love is the holiest path of all.*

*Special Music*

*Gloria Warren*

*Call to worship*

Holy, holy, holy. Holy God is here. Holy, holy, holy. Love has called us here. Holy, holy, holy. We gather to worship our holy God.

*Opening Hymn*

*"Take My Life, and Let It Be"*

*Prayer of confession*

In the midst of your holy presence, O God, we encounter a mystery deeper than the foundations of the earth. You are who you are, sacred and indefinable. Forgive us when we try to put you in a box or frame you in our own image. Help us as we allow your divine image to define and shape us. Speak mercy and grace to us, when we deny the path before us, and guide us with your shepherding love, when we are unsure of how to follow. Strengthen us and give us the courage to say: "Here I am, ready to love and serve." In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of pardon*

We are in the presence of the Holy One, whose holiness is in our very being. Rejoice and be glad, for in Christ's love we are reminded of this divine truth: We are God's beloved creation, reclaimed for a holy path.

*Gloria Patri*

"Glory Be to the Father"

*Scripture reading*

Romans 12:9-12

*Sermon*

*Rev. Anthony Gilbert*  
*"Enthusiasm Makes the Difference!"*



*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 #438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

*Charge and benediction*

God sends us to serve. Here I am, ready to serve! God sends us to love. Here I am, ready to love! God sends us to bless the world. Here I am, ready to bless the world!

*Doxology*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



**Opening Hymn: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"**

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

Music: Louis J. F. Herold, 1839; arr. George Kingsley, 1839

**Closing Hymn #438: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

Words: John Fawcett, 1782

Music: Johann George Nageli, (1773-1836); arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*The Helmuth Hall is completely set up for next Sunday's worship service.** We ask that there be NO ENTRY into the hall. This procedure will allow the hall to have a resting period with minimal physical entry between Sunday services. We have scheduled for a deep cleaning of the hall by church members and the janitorial service before the first gathering on Sunday, September 6th. Each week there after the hall will be disinfected. Also, on the first Sunday the congregation gather, we will be partaking of the Lord's Supper by using pre-filled, recyclable communion cups that comes complete with the wafer sealed onto the top of the sealed juice. A guide will be emailed at the end of this coming week to inform our members on "What to Expect When Returning to Worship." For those members who are unable to participate in the phased re-entry plan, McLeod will continue to offer the 11 a.m. worship service online by Zoom to join from home. The meeting link will continue to be emailed to the members and posted on the church Facebook page for your convenience. You will no longer be able to see a PowerPoint slideshow showing the worship guide on Zoom, but you will be able to see and hear the whole service. Also, remember the third option is to hear a recording of the weekly sermon and see a copy of the bulletin posted under the "Sermon" tab on the church website.

**\*Daily Bread devotionals are now available to pick up in the church office or the small mailbox located next to the large mailbox at the park.**