

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES, Sunday, June 27 at 11 am, both in-person at Zion and via Facebook Live. We will be joining Zion for the 11 am outdoor service.

Tuesday Night Out (TNO) is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 6 pm at the Historic Scott House. The cost is \$20. Wine provided.

Summer worship schedule: We will continue to use Pastor CJ's sermons throughout the summer. We will be joining Zion the last Sunday of each month through August, June 27, July 25 and August 29. These services will be in the back parking lot at 11 am. Coffee will be served from 10-11.

Concerts on 4th: *"Dearly Beloved, a Concert of Wedding Classics"* on Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm. The concert will feature music from past weddings in our sanctuary. A reception will follow. The concert is free, but donations received will go to the new video camera fund.

Through the lens project: We are in need of a new camera to upgrade our videography capabilities. The cost is \$1000. Please consider donating to this project. Mark camera in the check memo. Thank you to Carol Risdon and Lori Stigers for recording today.

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## Presbyterian Church of Cloquet

Order of Worship  
June 20, 2021

4th Sunday of Pentecost

***\*Denotes to Please Stand When Able***

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND SHARING

James Sheetz

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 9:9-12)**

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in time of trouble.

**And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare God's deeds among the peoples.

**For the one who avenges blood is mindful of them; God does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

We come before God "just as we are, though tossed about" as the hymn writer says. Let us now name our conflicts, our doubts and our sins before one another and before God.

**\*OPENING HYMN**     *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*     #442  
(Please be seated after the hymn)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (read together)

O Lord, we confess that we come to you in the midst of clutter: we have cluttered desks, cluttered lives and a cluttered planet. The clutter can be like a storm that overwhelms us and distracts us from knowing your presence and hearing your strong voice. We pray for the will to put aside the clutter of life and to listen to your voice stilling the storm and calming the wind and waves. Help us to not let go of fear, and our desire to be in control of all manner of things. Lead us to place you in the center of our lives, where, if we do, we also see neighbor, stranger and enemy. Then help us to cross the boundary waters with you, the One who has broken every barrier down, and will lead us to the other side.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, hear the good news. Our God is always a step ahead of us, calling us to grow in the gift of our forgiveness made available to us in Christ Jesus.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Come to us this day. O God, with the light of your Word, speak to us through Scripture of your truth, and dwell in us with your love. May we know you more fully, and follow you more nearly. Amen

**THE WAVE OF PEACE**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**     *Robin Johnson*

**SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm**     Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15  
**Gospel**     Matthew 13: 31-33, 41-52  
**Homily**     Rev. Barbara Birkeland

**\*HYMN**     *Amazing Grace*     #649  
(Please be seated after the hymn)

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from Julian of Norwich)  
(read together)

I saw that God was everything that is good and encouraging. God's our clothing that wraps, clasps and encloses us so as never to leave us. God showed me in my palm a little thing round as a ball about the size of a hazelnut. I look at it with the eye of my understanding and asked myself: "What is this thing?" And I was answered: "It is everything that is created." I wondered how it could survive since it seemed so little it could suddenly disintegrate into nothing. The answer came: "It endures and ever will endure, because God loves it. And so everything has being because of God's love.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)**

**COMMUNION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**     *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*     #65

**BENEDICTION**

Watch with us in the storms of our lives, dear Lord; still the waves with your powerful voice, and give us courage to continue the journey with you to the other side, to a new world. And may the God of hope fill us with all joy in believing, that we may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**     *Allegro Vivace*     *G. F. Handel*