

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

9/19: Mary Beck 11:00 am

9/26: Pastor CJ Boettcher with Communion. 5:00 pm Supper
6:00 pm worship in the Fellowship Hall.

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 for recording. Update: Donations are now at \$1001.00. We are also looking at updating our sound system as well, so continued donations would be welcomed.

Choir: September 15 at 6:30 pm in the back parking lot at Zion.

Session: Will meet this Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Marge Stillwell
James Sheetz
Carol Risdon & Lori Stigers
James Sheetz

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Presbyterian Church of Cloquet

Order of Worship
September 12, 2021

16th Sunday of Pentecost

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

PRELUDE *Ah, Holy Jesus*

David Cherwin

WELCOME AND SHARING

James Sheetz

****CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 116)***

I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because God heard me, I will call on God as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"

****CALL TO CONFESSION***

God delivers us from paths of death and keeps our feet from stumbling. Let us confess all that keeps us from walking in the way of the Lord.

***OPENING HYMN** *Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet* #458
(Please be seated after the hymn)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (read together)

Holy God, we make so many mistakes. We speak, and words of poison come from our mouths. We sow division, break others down and seek to dominate rather than dialogue. Forgive us, God. Tame our tongues of fire. Guide us in our speech, so our words can bless and build up. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*James 5: 15-16*)

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God's path of righteousness. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. May we approach your Word today, Holy God, with the reverence and respect it deserves. Let us be intentional in our listening and focused in our minds as we hear your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.

THE WAVE OF PEACE

CHORAL OFFERING *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*
 Gretchen Chelseth, pianist

SCRIPTURE
First Reading:
Psalm:
Gospel:

Proverbs 1: 20-33
Psalm 19: 1-14
Mark 8: 27-38

Homily

Chaplin, Mary Beck

***HYMN** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #465

(Please be seated after the hymn)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to lead holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

***CLOSING HYMN** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* #187

BENEDICTION May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Gaudeamus Pariter Donald Busarow