

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES via Facebook Live.

September 20: 11:00 AM

Tune in to our local CAT7 this coming Wednesday, September 15 at 5 PM and Sunday, September 20 at 5 PM for our special music program.

If you have a favorite hymn that you would like shared for these special programs, please contact James Sheetz at the church office. 879-8813.

There are two spots on Session that need to be filled. Prayerfully consider filling these two positions.

SESSION MEETING REMINDER: Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 pm. Masks are required.

REMINDER: To send in pledges/offering

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Presbyterian Church of Cloquet

Order of Worship
September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

As Worship has been suspended, we offer this virtual worship service via Facebook Live.

WELCOME AND SHARING Moment for HEALTH

Brenda Carlson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 103: 1-5*)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as your live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord will not always accuse, nor will God be angered forever. God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Trusting this promise, we boldly confess our sin to God and before one another.

HYMN *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Christ, you declare: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. You instruct us to forgive seventy-seven times., to remember God's grace toward us and extend it to one another. Despite your clear word to refrain from judging others, we pronounce others guilty and unworthy of our compassion. We quarrel over opinions and sow division when you call us to cultivate relationships and demonstrate our unity in Christ. Instead of responding to your grace with gratitude, we attempt to limit the love you command us to share. Forgive our hard-heartedness. Expand our circles of concern. Enliven our communities with your boundary-breaking, reconciling Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward those who fear God; as far as the east is from the west, so far the Lord removes our transgressions from us.

When we turn to God, the Lord freely pardons. We can trust in God and not be afraid. Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, we come to this time overwhelmed with distractions, consumed with busyness, occupied by worries and unsure of what to do next. And yet, we are here, yearning for a word from you, wanting a sense of your presence, seeking wisdom for this time and place. Send your Spirit to focus our attention and hone our hearing in order that we might hear what you are saying to your church. Amen.

SCRIPTURES:

First Reading
Second Reading
Gospel

Romans 14-1-12
Psalm 103: 8-13
Matthew 18:15-20

HOMILY

The Reverend Barbara Birkeland

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

COMMUNION

HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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BENEDICTION

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always.