

# White Memorial Presbyterian Church

## The Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color – Green

June 28, 2020

10:30 AM

### The Church Gathers

Prayer for Preparation: *I rise this day in the power of your Holy Spirit, O God. I lift up my hands, my heart, and my songs to praise you, O Christ. Be for me today, my Savior, the guardian in my weakness, a friend on my journey, and my aim for all I seek to do. May all who speak to me say, "Peace"; may all to whom I speak hear, "Love." Give visions of Christ in pied beauty around tables of meeting, along paths of dappling shadows, and in the faces of loved ones and strangers. Whether the day is bright or gloomy, be my light. Then, when the night begins to fall, bid me home—be my home, that I may find my rest in you, O Three in One. Amen.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's holy people.

**All: We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of God's own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Hymn:

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

Prayer of Adoration

### Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**All: O God, on lonely Mount Moriah you put your servant Abraham to the test. We confess that we have failed much lesser tests of our faith. We have allowed sin to run our lives, to shape how we act toward others, and to kill our relationship with you. In your great mercy, forgive us. Change even our bodies from implements of destruction to instruments of your peace; for the sake of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Please observe a moment of silent confession).**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

One: God, whose name is I AM, provides for our weakness. Jesus Christ, I AM in the body, gave himself for our salvation. All who are united to Christ in his death are united to Christ in his resurrection. The end is eternal life. I declare to you; in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Hearing God's Word

Prayer of Illumination:

**All: Terrifying Word, life-giving Word, sanctifying Word, come to us as ones who crave water in the desert. Grant that we may hear and respond to you, yes, in fear and trembling, and also in rejoicing, through the Lamb that was slaughtered, Jesus Christ, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, is worshiped and glorified by all your saints, now and forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1–14  
Matthew 10:40–42

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon:

“A Sign of Friendship”

Rev. Ed Johnson

## Responding to the Faith

Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967

**All: The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for human beings when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

Hymn of Response:

*Be Thou My Vision*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## Going Out in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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Prayer Concerns: Pam Denning; Forest Johnson; Ted and Linda Penny and her sister, Lil; family of Michelle Hare; Krista Stuttgart; Mann Johnson; Gladys Turner; Judy Johnson; Jack Reid; Frances Underwood; Paula Alford; Ann Garrett; Troy Byrd; Larry Bell; Angela Byrd; Judy Morris; Don Wright; Connie Montgomery; Kaylan King; Ann Johnson

Presbyterian mission and Presbyterian disaster Workers; Cindy Correl, Suzette Goss-Geffrard, Mark Hare

Those serving in our military; Joey Dobyms, (Ft. Campbell, KY); Matthew Dunn, (Korea); Cortney Jones, (Ft. Meade, MD); Parker Bough, (Okinawa); 82nd Airborne Division, (Kuwait); Dalton Hayes, (Mexico)

### **White Memorial Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:**

Remembering God's Grace, the mission of  
White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Willow Spring is:  
Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;  
Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;  
Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;  
Be loving and generous with time, talents and treasures;  
Go out into the world to welcome and invite.

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