White Memorial Presbyterian Church

The Service for the Lord's Day

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color – Green

10:30 AM

August 23, 2020

The Church Gathers

Prayer for Preparation: Today, O God, help me receive your revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. It is in his name I pray. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ. All: We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.

Hymn:

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Prayer of Adoration

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, we would now be lost in sin. But it is the Lord who is on our side. And so we are forgiven.

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

A Time with Young Disciples

Hearing God's Word

Prayer of Illumination:

All: God of revelation, mere flesh and blood cannot reveal divine truth; only your Spirit can give that gift. Be in my breath and voice, be in our ears and understanding, that through these words your Word may be known. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon:

"Do You Know Me?"

Rev. Ed Johnson

Responding to the Faith

Affirmation of Faith

from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

All: 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 brokenhearted, 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.

Hymn of Response:

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Going Out in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment: Open My Eyes

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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; Myron Smith, Heather Raum, Dexter Henry, Debbie Murray, Mack Proctor, Tommy Whitley, Michelle Strause, The Maynard Family, Kristy Garrison Jeremy Wagstaff, Betsy Olive, Donald Putnam, Andrea Ferrero.

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

Those serving in our military; Joey Dobyns, (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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