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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

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Elder Brian Graff

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Musicians: Joey Caponera, Briana Carr, Brett Carrier, Noah Mariani
With Vocalists: Leanne Heaton and Mary Reefer
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~ Order of Service ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Uyai Mose* ~ Bell/Caponera

PROCLAMATION

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**HYMN 515 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this?

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE 581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace
 you were called as members of a single body. The peace of
 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION B321 v.3 *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* SONG 13

***Holy Spirit, power divine, Fill and nerve this will of mine;
BY Thee may I strongly live, Bravely bear, and nobly strive.***

OT LESSON Exodus 20: 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 - 20 Pew Bible p. 58

Liturgist: This, is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

NT LESSON Philippians 3: 4b – 14 Pew Bible, p. 954-955

Liturgist: Here ends the reading of the Epistle.

People: **Praise be to you, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22: 33-46 Pew Bible p. 803

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Glory to you, O Christ!**

**CANTICLE 286 v.3 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

***Breathe on me, breath of God; till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.***

SERMON *What Cannot be Lost > What Cannot be Kept* PASTOR JOHN

SERMON RESPONSE *For All the Saints ~ R V Williams*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten,
not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For
us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy
Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was
crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third
day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy
catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**

The Eucharist

**OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY B593 DOXOLOGY 1967

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise
him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

**THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING☞

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right to give you praise, O God. You created the world and all that is in it. The startling diversity of the Earth and its creatures were made by you and pronounced good. . . . (the prayer continues) . . . With Angels and Archangels, with our ancestors and all those yet to come, on this World Communion Sunday, we sing the fullness of your witness to your world singing:

Congregational Response:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: (The prayer continues) . . . There is enough food for all, enough peace for all, enough love for all, enough hope for all, enough grace for all. In this truth and in this hope we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: (The prayer continues) . . . May the church yearn to proclaim the good news of a world made new and a mercy wider than imaginations can span. Teach us to pray continually the prayer our Savior taught, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using debts & debtors)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

(Please remain seated; all will commune together as led by the Pastors.)

CHORAL RESPONSE (535) & PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Pastor: *Bless the Lord, O my soul;*

People: ***And all that is within me, bless His Holy Name!***

Pastor: *Bless the Lord, O my soul;*

People: ***And forget not all His benefits.***

Pastor: Let us pray together:

All: **Compassionate God, you have met us in these acts at this table. In this sacrament we receive strength to walk with all your children in peace all over the world, and witness to the truth of your reconciliation and love. Amen.**

The Sending

**HYMN 340

This is My Song

FINLANDIA

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**RESPONSE 748

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

**POSTLUDE

Now Go in Joy ~ Lockwood/Caponera

Pastor Appreciation Day: Next Sunday, October 11 is Pastor Appreciation Day throughout the PC(USA) denomination. If you feel so moved, bring a note, card, or small token of your appreciation.

World Communion Sunday: is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. World Communion Sunday began as Shadyside's attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. Rev. Donald Kerr (son of Dr. Kerr) was asked how this service grew to include the world, he replied,

“The concept spread very slowly at the start. . . It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the globe, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

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