

The Service for the Lord's Day

August 18, 2019 | 10:00 am | Wellshire Presbyterian Church

GATHER

Trumpet Tune in A | David Johnson

All Creatures of Our God and King | arr. Dawn Thompson

Welcome

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Worship the Lord with gladness;

Come into God's presence with singing.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

His steadfast love endures forever,

And his faithfulness to all generations.

Red hymnal 401 *Gather Us In* | GATHER US IN

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Passing of the Peace

Sing Praise to God | MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation; the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

**With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!**

PROCLAIM

Isaiah 5:1-7 (OT p. 634)

Psalms 82 (OT p. 542)

Children's Time

The Beatitudes | Albert Hay Malotte

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 (NT p. 226)

A Great Cloud of Witnesses | The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr.

RESPOND

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. Amen.**

Red hymnal 741 *Guide My Feet* | GUIDE MY FEET

Prayers for the World

**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.**

Announcements

Offering

How Beautiful | arr. Barbara Brocker

Prayer

SEND

Red hymnal 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* | NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Blessing

Now Thank We All Our God | J.S. Bach/ Virgil Fox

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr, Pastor
The Rev. Katie Robb Davis, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Julia Fenn, Parish Associate
Terri Shaffer and Beth Himes, bell duet
Sara Michael, soprano
Daniel Romero, Organist
Christine Gaudreau, Director of Music
Carolyn Cremer and Glen MacCallum, Head Ushers
Steve Cearley, Head of Tech Team

The flowers on the Table this morning are given to the glory of God by Jack and Lou Keyes in loving memory of their son, John Bruce Keyes.

Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even

chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.