

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Service by the Congregation of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2020

Silent Prayer during the Prelude:

O God, who have prepared for those who love you
 good things which no eye can see,
 fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that,
 loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises,
 which surpass every human desire; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude *Here I am, Lord* arr. C. Courtney
Sara Hoey, Organ, Karen Baron, Violin

Introit *With Grateful Hearts Our Thanks We Bring* Psalm 138/ D. Bortniansky
Melanie Chambers, Soprano Soloist

Greeting Rev. Osy Nüesch

Call to Worship Jordan Muraglia

On this new Lord's Day, God waits to break into our experience:
to change our minds,
 to change our hearts,
to change our ways,
 to help us see the world and the whole of life in a new light,
to fill us with hope, joy, and certainty for the future.
 On this new Lord's Day, we praise God, whose presence blesses us,
whose Spirit guides us,
 and whose power strengthens us.

Hymn of Praise *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love!
 Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
 opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 drive the dark of doubt away.
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

Call to Confession

Sarah Schrader

Responsive Prayer of Confession

God of light, you surround us with knowledge
and bid us seek understanding.

**We confess how often we choose ignorance instead,
so that we may continue to have our own way.**

God of life, despite our weakness and stubbornness,
you call us back to your ways with infinite patience and grace.

**We confess the frequency with which we choose the paths
that lead to darkness and death.**

God of holiness, you command that no lesser gods
shall receive our allegiance.

**We confess the idolatries of power, wealth, and status to which we turn
in the vain belief that they give life meaning.**

God of love, you call us to lives of redemptive loving.

But we confess our attachment to petty hatreds and global distrust.

**Forgive us, O God, and turn us again to the way that leads to understanding,
to life, to right loyalties, and to true love,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose again
for your love and our life. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's forgiveness

Alleluia! Amen!

Order of Confirmation

For Jordan Muraglia and Sarah Schrader

Presentation of Confirmands

Profession of Faith

* Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontious Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Question to the Congregation

Prayer of Dedication

Welcome and Presentation

Our hearts are overflowing with joy as we recognize the richness and diversity of the people of God, the members of the household of faith, this royal priesthood.

Sarah and Jordan, today the Body of Christ rejoices hearing how the seed of the gospel has taken root in your lives.

The faith that you confess as your own today strengthens the ministry of this congregation as together we seek to live out the good news of Christ for the world.

May God fulfill God's loving purposes in you

as you take your place as active members of Christ's Church.

And may your contributions as members of this community of faith bring you joy and satisfaction as we speed the coming of the perfect day.

Hymn of Consecration *We Are One in the Spirit*

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; (repeat)
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side: (repeat)
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West*

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

Litany of Farewell and Dismissal

Elder Jim McGuire, Personnel Committee

Pastor Osy Nuesch, Intentional Interim Pastor

Congregation Responds:

**We rejoice that your experience here was positive
and gladly receive your thankfulness.**

We offer our forgiveness for those things that may have been left undone.

**We add our words of gratitude for all that was accomplished these last two
years under God's guidance and your leadership.**

**We accept your departure and will remember you and the influence you had
in our individual lives and that of our congregation.**

ELDER: Do you, the members and friends of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church
now release Pastor Osy as your Interim Pastor?

Do you offer him your encouragement and support as he sets out on the next step
of his ministry in Palisades Presbytery?

We do and we pray God will bless his ministry in Bergen County.

Pastor Osy: Do you release the people of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church from
our pastoral relationships with you?

PASTOR: I do and I commend you...

Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare

J. Lemmens
Sara Hoey, Organ