

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Service by the Congregation of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church

September 27, 2020

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us. We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Dale Wood
Sara Hoey, Organ

WELCOME AND POURING OF WATER

Rev. Eileen Lindner

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder Bette Hughes
Peace and Global Mission

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

God brought us out of bondage and has
made us free.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Glorious are the deeds of our God, and
mighty are his acts.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal!

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**The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.**

**Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin.
We have complained in the face of your mercy.
We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice.
We have not done your will.
Teach us humility.
Teach us gratitude.
Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

**Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 78:1-4,12-16

**Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.**

We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.
He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.
In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.
He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Be still for the presence of the Lord*

David J. Evans
Susan Beltran, Soloist

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Holy Wisdom! Holy Word!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Standing Together

Rev. Eileen Lindner

HYMN OF MEDITATION *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

**Will you let me be your servant?
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

**I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise Him in Pipes*

Ben Logan
Sara Hoey, Organ

Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church Congregational Meeting Docket

September 27, 2020 at 11:00 A.M.

Opening Prayer

Rev. Eileen Lindner, Moderator

* Session Proposal for Bylaws Amendments Elder Barbara Reusch
The Session recommends to the congregation the following two changes to the
Bylaws. The rationale for each is presented.

1. **XI** *ELDERS*

The congregation shall elect ~~eighteen~~ twelve elders divided into three equal
classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the congregational meeting
for a three-year term. No elder shall serve for consecutive terms, either full or
partial, aggregating more than six years. An elder having served a total of six
years shall be ineligible for reelection to the Session for a period of at least one
year. ~~In addition, each year the congregation shall elect one member twenty-five
years or younger, to serve as an elder for a one-year term.~~

Rationale: The Session can effectively do its work with twelve members and
Session members should be drawn from all age groups present in the congregation.

2. ~~XV TRANSITION FROM THE BICAMERAL SYSTEM~~

~~Effective at the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation in January 2000, the Session and the Board of Trustees shall merge, in the following fashion. All Trustees whose terms are continuing past January, 2000, or who are eligible for re-nomination to the Board, shall be eligible to be elected to the Session, for a term expiring in the same year as their current term on the Board of Trustees expires, with eligibility to be nominated for a second term according to the usual provisions of G 14.0201a. The size of the Session shall be increased as needed, to accommodate those eligible. Trustees who accept this nomination, with that size not to exceed 25 in 2000, 22 in 2001, 22 in 2002 and 19 in 2003. In the event that future vacancies occur on the Session through resignation or other means, the size of the Session shall be reduced to 19 at the earliest opportunity. The position of youth representative to the Session shall continue, with a one year term as stated in Section XI, throughout the transition period.~~

~~Once the size of the Session has been restored to 19, this section of the By-Laws shall expire. Until that time, the provisions of this section shall supersede those of Section XI.~~

Rationale: The transition referred to in this article has been completed, and as indicated in the text, this provision should now be removed from the By-Laws.

* Report of the Nominations Committee - Elder Lynn Hahm
The Congregational Nominating Committee has nominated the following members
to be elected in 2020 for the Class of 2023:
Christopher Cook, Maryellen Curtis, Sarah Hoey

Christopher Cook

Chris became a member in 1986. He was previously ordained as a Deacon in 2015 and served as a member of the class of 2018. Chris also serves as an Usher.

Maryellen Curtis

Min became a member in 1970. Min is an Ordained Elder and previously served as the Clerk of Session. Min has been involved in many ministries including the prayer chain, IHN, stewardship and PW.

Sara Hoey

Sara has been a member since 1971 and has been the church organist just as long. Besides participating in the many choirs including the Choral Bells, Sara has gone on mission trips and has faithfully served with IHN over the years.

Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee

Elder Bette Hughes

Closing Prayer

Rev. Lindner