

*JULY 5, 2020 COMMUNION SUNDAY*

*LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST, REFLECTING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD*



*We praise God, who is known to us in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
We pray for God to bless us so that we may be a blessing to others.  
We pray for Jesus to be with us, as he promised to be, whenever we gather in his name.  
We pray for the Spirit to make our worship holy, joyful, and true.*

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**OPENING MUSIC** *"Hear Ye, Israel" from Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn / Christina Bilz, soprano

**WELCOME** *Becky Bosarge*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, listen to my cry; pay attention to my prayer! When my heart is weak, I cry out to you from the very ends of the earth. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I am...  
*(Psalm 61:1-2)*

What is your cry today? How is your heart? Whoever you are and however you come, imagine that God has taken you by the hand and is leading you to a higher place; a

place where you can breathe; a place from which you might gain a new perspective on God, on God's world, and on yourself.

Take a deep breath and let us worship God!

**WORSHIP & PRAISE** *"Keep Making Me"*

*Sam Mizell/David Frey/Ben McDonald /Visions Worship Band*

**PRAYER of CONFESSION**

*Maureen Miller*

**Liberating God, this weekend our nation celebrates the ideal of freedom. And yet, we, your children, Jesus-followers, Spirit people, admit we are not as free as you would have us be. I am free to enjoy a meal without thinking about those who are hungry. I am free to enjoy nature without worrying that someone will feel threatened by my presence. Is this what you mean by freedom? In my quiet moments, I wonder; how is it with my soul? God, you want more for your world than that. You want more for me than that. What sort of freedom are you birthing in your world? In me? How can I be open to the ongoing work of your Spirit to bring each of us and all creation to your kind of freedom?**

*(silent prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** *(2 Corinthians 3:17)*

*Now, the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

**Friends, our lives as Spirit people are incomplete, but they are not uncertain. Be assured that you are being transformed by the power of God's Spirit, your life shaped in and for love.**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*The peace of Christ be with us all.*

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Adam Hayden*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Galatians 5:13-18; 25-26 (from The Message)*

*Maureen Miller*

<sup>13-15</sup> It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

<sup>16-18</sup> My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness. For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness. These two ways of life are antithetical, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day. Why don't you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence?

<sup>25-26</sup> Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE MESSAGE** *"The Freedom of Us"*

*Rebecca Bosarge*

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

*Give thanks to God for the financial blessings you share with the world through the PCW congregation. Bless your gifts as you prepare to them to send to the church or give online at [pcwyoming.org](http://pcwyoming.org)*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** *"The Table"*

*Chris Tomlin/Ed Cash/Wayne Jolley / Visions Worship Band*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*The elements of bread and wine/juice are symbols of Christ's broken body and shed blood. Communion is a testament of a believer's faith in the atoning work of the cross. Join us in communion to remember his GREAT sacrifice.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Use the prayer page to pray for the those who are ill, and the needs of our world and congregation.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(read in unison)*

**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.**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

## **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

*Beethoven/Wolz/Connie Golden, piano*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please send you prayer requests and Yay Gods! to [dhaines@pcwyoming.org](mailto:dhaines@pcwyoming.org)*

## **FOR PRAYER**

**YAY GOD!**  
**Freedom!**

### **THIS WEEK**

**Leaders - Kevin Lawson** - Elder  
**Mary Jo Pearirs**- Deacon  
**Ron Stoerker** - Church Staff

### **CANCER**

**Lisa Bernheisel** - colon cancer  
**Natalie Allmond's mother** - in hospice care  
**Karen Brown LaGard** - Leukemia  
**Jeff Bartlett** - leukemia, Ron Stoerker's cousin  
**Ann Miller Hernandez** - recurring cancer, daughter of Paul and Peggy Miller  
**Rachel Bens** - family of Shandra Harris  
**Marjorie Smith** - blood cancer, wife of Rich Smith

### **CONTINUED PRAYER**

**Rick Engelman** - recuperating from heart surgery, son of Lamie Engelman  
**Norm Thomas** - recovering from hip surgery at home  
**Winnie Petree** - home recovering in her apartment at Maple Knoll  
**Gloria Kuhn** - hospice, Susan Anderson's mother  
**Phil Fox** - health concerns, assisted living

**Pat Harris** - heart issues, sister-in-law of Shandra Harris

**Cynthia Towne** - brain tumor is stable

**Pat Connors** - breast and bone cancer in remission, George Lewis' mother-in-law

**Joyce Leifheit** - awaiting kidney transplant

**Our Missionaries** - The Benadums and Myhres

**Prayers for all with ongoing situations**

**All dealing with sickness and fear of sickness**

### **PRAYER SCRIPTURE**

**Deuteronomy 31:6** Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.