

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Happy Birthday this week to:** (8/23) Neal Sandiford, Matthew Bailey;  
(8/29) Lee Cline

**The Noon & Mollie Darden Circles** thank you for all of the yard sale donations; however, they will not be accepting any more donations during the month of August. Instead, they will be hosting a Virtual Yard Sale on Facebook. More details forthcoming.

**The Session** will have an informal meeting today in Darden Hall, following worship.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

**Liturgist:** Annie Pauley

**Elders on Duty:** Jennifer Wood, Stacie Hart

A MESSAGE FROM THE COVID-19 TASK FORCE

- \* Masks will be required upon entering and leaving the sanctuary.
- \* Some pews will be marked off to allow for social distancing.
- \* Worshipers will be dismissed by sections. All "visiting" should be conducted out of the church building.
- \* **The side exits can be used as well as main entrance. Both rear doors will remain open.**
- \* There will be no ushers-all bulletins and offertory plates are located at entrance of the sanctuary.
- \* There is no choir at this time.
- \* There are no children services at this time.
- \* Adult Sunday School classes can meet as long as social distancing protocols are observed, including maintaining 6ft. distance, maintaining proper hand hygiene, and wearing masks.
- \* Hand sanitizer and masks are available at the entrance of the sanctuary.
- \* **All singing must be done while wearing a mask, with the exception of a soloist.**

**New policies are in bold**

**The committee thanks you for your patience during this trying time.**

**Loyd Presbyterian Church Program Team:**

Adrienne Hardie, Church Secretary  
Shelley Skinner, Financial Secretary  
Mike Pauley, Youth Director  
Marty Davis, Music Director  
Jo Loyd, Organist  
Rick Robertson, Pianist  
Koren Stapp, Nursery Coordinator  
Pam Darden, God's Promised Land Coordinator  
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*If you are interested in church membership,  
or have a question about the life and ministry of this congregation,  
please speak with one of our elders.*



# LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23, 2020  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
12th Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE "My Song is Love Unknown"  
(arr. Tracey Craig McKibben)  
Rick Robertson, piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gracious God, help us find faith, and let faith find us!

**People: We pray for vision and discernment in our spiritual walk with you.**

Leader: Give us the wisdom to employ our gifts for good.

**People: And give us the faith to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.**

\*HYMN #483 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

*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!*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PERSONAL AND PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, make us a congregation willing to step out in faith  
and assist those who need our help. Give us the courage to  
open our arms and surround others with compassion, even as  
we often struggle to comprehend the incomprehensible. Make  
us mighty in faith and forgive us we pray. Inspire in us a com-  
munity that embraces unity, rather than division; humility ra-  
ther than pride – all in the faith of Jesus, in whose name we  
pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn #2272

“Holy Ground”

*We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from  
which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who  
bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and  
made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all  
her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert  
like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give  
heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my jus-  
tice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the  
coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to  
the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish  
like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live  
on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my de-  
liverance will never be ended.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked  
his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they  
said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jer-  
emiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say  
that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of  
the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon  
son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my  
Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will  
build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I  
will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you  
bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on  
earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples  
not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

THE SERMON

Paige Woody

“Confession and Community”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Pontius 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.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #477

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad His wonderful name;  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus-no turning back, no turning back.*

\*POSTLUDE

“Come, Sound His Praise Abroad”

(arr. Anthony Giamanco)  
Rick Robertson, piano

\*Please stand if you are able