

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:*

Refrain:

*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

IPNC ANNOUNCEMENT

*POSTLUDE “My Savior’s Love” (arr. Melody Bober)
Rick Robertson, piano

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: Elaine Partin
Elders on Duty: Pat Briggs, Chris Hester

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday this week to: (9/27) Madeira Sirmons, Tim Henke;
(9/29) Mark Bowie, Bob Burek; (9/30) Charles Darden, Jayne Pauley;
(10/2) Cindy Wiggins

The Christian Education Committee will meet Sunday, October 4 in Darden Hall, following worship.

The Noon and Mollie Darden Circles will be having a Yard Sale to benefit Christian Education and other service projects on Friday, October 2 1-6 p.m. and Saturday, October 3 8-11 a.m. in the parking lot behind the church. All social distancing practices, including wearing masks will be observed.

On Sunday, September 20, the congregation nominated Bernice Griffeth to serve as the at-large member of the Elder Nominating Committee. This committee is responsible for nominating the slate of elders for the class of 2023. In addition to Bernice, the committee members are Roxann Quintana and Jennifer Wood, who represent the four out-going Session members; the PW Representative is Gina Bradfield; the Men's Group Representative is Gary Knox; and the Youth Representative is Annie Pauley.

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
Amy Crites, Children’s Choir Director
Meagan Ferrell, Nursery Worker

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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

September 27, 2020

11:00 a.m. Worship

17th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE “There is a Fountain” (arr. Dan Forrest)
Rick Robertson, piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For welcoming us here today, we bless you, Lord.

People: For your grace and merciful generosity, we bless you, Lord.

Leader: For drawing us in, for the promise of new life, and giving us renewed hope, we bless you, Lord.

People: We bless you, O Lord, for your son, Jesus, by whose death and resurrection we are reconciled with you, and from whom we have received a welcome that will never let us down.

Leader: We are here to offer you our worship and praise. Let all God’s people praise your holy name.

*HYMN “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

*Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I!*

*Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!*

*Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut its glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer died For human creature’s sin.*

*But drops of grief can ne’er pay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; ‘Tis all that I can do.*

*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

We confess that we come to you as imperfect people. We are sinners who need redeeming; we are lost without your love. Forgive us for insisting on our own way. Forgive us for holding you and others at arm's length. Forgive us for not welcoming others as we should. Relying on Jesus Christ as our advocate, we lean into your promised victory over evil, and pray for reconciliation with you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Thou Art Worthy”

***Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord,
to receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power.
For thou hast created, hast all things created;
thou hast created all things.
And for thy pleasure they are created;
thou art worthy O Lord.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 15: 33-39

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*”). ³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.” ³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said. ³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. ³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 1: 1-12

1 In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. **2** He had seven sons and three daughters, **3** and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East. **4** His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. **5** When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, “Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.” This was Job’s regular custom. **6** One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. **7** The LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the LORD, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.” **8** Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.” **9** “Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied. **10** “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. **11** But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.” **12** The LORD said to Satan, “Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.” Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

THE SERMON

Dr. John Hardie

“Does Job Serve God ‘For Nothing?’”

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

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

***Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream, Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.***

***Refrain:
In the cross, in the cross Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find Rest beyond the river.***

***Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand Just beyond the river.***

Repeat Refrain.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING