

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 A.M.

Rev. Kerry Shull, Guest Pastor
Music Director – Gregory Fraser
*** Congregation will stand**

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Chopin Mazurka

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – (Hymns that do not appear in the Presbyterian Hymnal are included on an insert in the bulletin – Singing WITH MASKS ON will be allowed in worship)

JULY MISSION MOMENT: Grace Center Baby Bottles w/loose change & School Supplies

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 36:7-9)

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: We turn to you who has been so gracious to us. We seek refuge in your presence.

Leader: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

All: You give us the bread and wine of eternal life.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: The abundance of which we now partake is only a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

Leader: Let us worship the Father through the Son and in the Holy Spirit.

*OPENING HYMN: “Jerusalem My Happy Home” (See insert)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION: (Psalm 14:1)

Leader: There are many who act as if there is no God. Even in the midst of the miracles of life, we often do not acknowledge God’s presence. And yet the Spirit is with us as the source of life. Therefore, let us confess our sins and receive Christ’s mercy. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of wonder, we confess our sins and pray for your help so that we can truly repent and turn from evil. Deliver us from the temptation to hide from you, to lie to you, or to excuse ourselves because of the harm we have done to others. Forgive us for the curse we have brought upon the earth. Restore your creation to full health and feed the multitudes from the abundance of your merciful power. Grow in us a deeper desire to love Christ with the fullness of your love, and to glorify him, along with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE: (Psalm 103:11-12)

Leader: The river of God’s mercy runs deeper and wider than our sin. God removes our sins as far as the heavens are above the earth. Beloved in the risen Christ, we are forgiven. **All: Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE: “Come to the Feast” (Choir only)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: O Holy Spirit, creative power of God, strengthen us to the depths of our humanity. You draw us into deepest relationship with you in Jesus. Give us the food and drink of heaven so that we will share with the world the saying that is true, I AM is with us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 25:6-10

(The following is said after each reading)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11 (See John 6:1-15)

EPISTLE READING: Revelation 19:6-9

SERMON: “There Was a Wedding Feast”

Rev. Kerry Shull

*HYMN: “Taste and See” (See insert)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: John Calvin, Prefatory Address to King Francis I of France, August 1, 1536, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, (edited by John T. McNeill, translated Ford Lewis Battles, Library of Christian Classics), Volume I, page 64.

Leader: Let us confess our faith using this statement from John Calvin:

All: For what is more consonant with faith than to recognize that we are naked of all virtue, in order to be clothed by God? That we are empty of all good, to be filled by him? That we are slaves of sin, to be freed by him? Blind, to be illumined by him? Lame, to be made straight by him? Weak, to be sustained by him? To take away from us all occasion for glorying, that he alone may stand forth gloriously and we glory in him?

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: (Isaiah 55:10)

Leader: As God provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so has God provided enough for us to share as we give thanks and praise through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us present tithes and offerings.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Revelation 22:1-2; Isaiah 60)

Leader: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **All: Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN: “It Is Well with My Soul” (See insert)

*BLESSING: (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Leader: Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*CHARGE:

Leader: Invite others to the wedding banquet, for Christ calls us to life in God. Let God’s Spirit strengthen and support you, helping you grow in the life, the love, and the mercy of Jesus.

All: Amen.

*RESPONSE: “Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Ravel Ma Mere L’Oye La Belle et Le Bette

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2 Your saints are crowned with glory great;
They see God face to face;
They triumph still, they still rejoice
In that most holy place.
3 There David stands with harp in hand
As master of the choir:
Ten thousand times would we be blessed
Who might this music hear.
4 Our Lady sings Magnificat
With tune surpassing sweet;
And all the virgins join the song
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1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. **(Refrain)**
2 Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. **(Refrain)**
3 Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. **(Refrain)**

CLOSING HYMN: IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

1. When peace, like a river,
attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say,
“ It is well, it is well with my soul”
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And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **(Repeat chorus)**

3. My sin, oh the bliss
of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross,
and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **(Repeat chorus)**

4. And Lord haste the day
when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound,
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