

8th Sunday after Pentecost, August 4th, 2019
Communion Sunday

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Those who are able are encouraged to stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Disciples and doubters, faithful and feckless,
we are God's, who welcomes us all.

Followers and those who lag behind, open-hearted and close-minded,
we are the Lord's, who is always patient with us.

Reconcilers and rabble-rousers, foolish and fearless,
we are the Spirit's, who encourages us in every moment.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We do not have to beg God to forgive us, but simply confess our foolish words, our mistaken acts, our grudging hearts. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

***HYMN #439** “In Christ There is No East or West”

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

We could have mercy, Compassion's heart, but we judge others by those standards we cannot even meet. We could welcome all around us as sisters and brothers, but hold them at contempt's length away from us. We could have patience with family and friends, but tap our feet and drum our fingers until they do what we want.

In your forgiveness, Tender God, you wipe the board clean of all our poor accounting. You don't deal off the bottom of the deck to us, but turn up the ace of grace for us. You gather up all our foolishness and hurl it beyond the edge of the universe, so the healing you intend for us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, will take place. (A time for silent and personal prayer...)

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Here is the good news. God does not hold a grudge against us. God lets go of anger to welcome us as sisters and brothers of Jesus.

We will not be afraid, but will open our hearts and lives to God's compassionate grace. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Patti Nelson

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 16:1-27

N.T. Pg. 164

SERMON “Unlikely Heroes: Phoebe, Servant of God”

Pastor Lindsey Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN #356** “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Heidelberg Catechism Q.92, 103 (*Exod. 20:1–17; Deut. 5:6–21*)

What is the 4th Commandment?

“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God;

you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter,

your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.

For in six days the LORD made the heaven and earth, the sea,

and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day;

therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.”

What is God's will for you in the 4th Commandment?

First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor.

Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.

OFFERING *Prayer Request Cards can be placed in the collection plate at this time*

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE (Welcoming the children)

COMMUNION

In the Presbyterian Church, the Lord's Table is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ.
The ushers will dismiss rows, starting from the rear of the sanctuary.
Return to your seat by the outside aisles.
The bread is taken corporately and the cup is taken individually.
The darker liquid is juice, the lighter one is wine. Gluten free bread is available.

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #339** "Be Thou My Vision"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***POSTLUDE**

Serving Today

Lay Reader: Cheryl Kopplin

Acolyte: Sammy Carnes & Mason Davis

Ushers: Team #6

Sound Tech: Doug Watters

Coffee Hour: Blue Team

Counters: Jon O'Connell & Dennis Beardslee

Nursery & Preschool: Heidi Howieson & Annabeth Carnes

Gospel Project: K-2nd: Ellen Horton

3rd-5th: Jan Foster

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