

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, our Father,
as we gather, we pray for your blessing
on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful find comfort.

Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today and would love to keep in touch. After worship, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Joy Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments for next Sunday: Peace Group.
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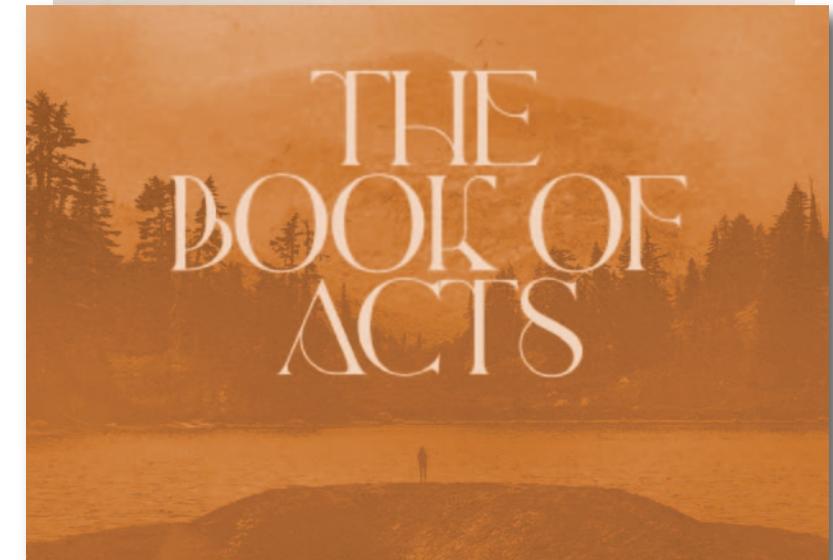
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Service for the Lord's Day

17 July 2022



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



GREETING

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

All: He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE

Instrument of Peace

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67

Leader: *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.*

All: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

Leader: *May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth*

All: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

Leader: *The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us..*

All: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Let the Nations Be Glad
(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD.

“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our Father, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus’ powerful name. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

~ from Romans 8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

* PASSING THE PEACE

* DOXOLGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen*

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Colossians 1

Leader: *This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:*

All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Leader: *There is one God; there is one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus,*

All: who gave himself as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

Leader: *Great indeed is the mystery of our religion:*

All: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

*#401 The Church’s
One Foundation*

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

Acts 15: 1-11, 28-29

No One Could Have Predicted ~ Allan Poole

* COMMUNION HYMN

*#429 They’ll Know We
Are Christians By Our Love*

* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

All: And also with you.

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: *Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.*

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN OF SENDING

In Christ Alone (see insert)

* BENEDICTION