



Mark 4:30-31, NRSV

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"With what  
can we  
compare  
the kingdom of  
God ...? It is like  
a mustard seed ..."

Sunday June 16, 2024

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4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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Carolyn Cross, Tom Hackleman,  
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# A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

*An asterisk (\*) indicates that those who are able may stand;  
**Bold type** — please respond in unison.*

## WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME

### MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Vera Lloyd Video

### PRELUDE

*“Sing the Glad Song (for Father’s everywhere)”* Frank Ritter

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God takes a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar, and plants it on a high mountain

**in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar.**

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

**God welcomes. God loves. God provides**

**\*HYMN #634**

*“To God Be The Glory”*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

God gathers and prepares us for worship. Let us confess the sins that detract and distract us from God's path.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are a blessing to all people yet we choose sides and pit "us" against "them." Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion. Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace. Amen

*(Moment of silence for personal confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. Amen

## THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please take this opportunity to "pass the peace" to those around you.)*

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

**WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 20

<sup>1</sup> The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

<sup>2</sup> **May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and give you support from Zion.**

<sup>3</sup> **May he remember all your offerings  
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. *Selah***

<sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire  
and fulfill all your plans.

<sup>5</sup> **May we shout for joy over your victory  
and in the name of our God set up our banners.  
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.**

<sup>6</sup> Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven  
with mighty victories by his right hand.

<sup>7</sup> **Some take pride in chariots and some in horses,  
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.**

<sup>8</sup> They will collapse and fall,  
but we shall rise and stand upright.

<sup>9</sup> **Give victory to the king, O Lord;**

## ANTHEM

*“Jesus Is Lord”*

*Mary McDonald*

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:24-36

<sup>24</sup>And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and it will be added to you.” <sup>25</sup>For to those who have, more will be given, and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.”

<sup>26</sup>He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts and minds for the hearing of your word, Holy God. Open us to your truth. Humble us to your way. Amen

## SERMON

*“Seeds, Veggies and the Mystery of God.”*

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

### HYMN #630

*“Fairest Lord Jesus” (vs 1,2,4)*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Belhar Confession)

We believe

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;
- that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;
- that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Paul reminds us that generosity is a fruit of the Spirit. Let us generously share of the gifts we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

### OFFERTORY

*"Moment of Prayer"*

David Paxton

### \*DOXOLOGY #606

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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 DEDICATION**

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kin-dom and build your beloved community. Amen.

## **WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER**

## **INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*HYMN #643**

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

### **\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

### **\*GOING FORTH #306**

*“Blest Be The Ties That Binds” (vs1)*

### **\*POSTLUDE**

*“Postlude On Italian Hymn”*

*G. Peterson*



# Weekly News

## WELCOME!

*We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.*

Please visit [www.pcbv.org](http://www.pcbv.org), or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

## OFFICE HOURS

MON- WEDS:  
9 am to 4 pm  
THURS: 9am to 2pm  
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For Pastoral Emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi.

**Deacons on Call for June:**  
**Sharon Judson,**  
**Rich Winsor**

## BLESSING BOX

Summer is here the temperatures are soaring. For food safety, canned goods will not be added to our blessing box leaving only boxed or bagged goods.

**6/9/2024 Attendance:**  
**Members: 45 Visitors: 2 Online 10**

*Flowers today are provided by Bill Wellner in memory of Esther.*



**You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service.**

## Birthday Lunch Bunch

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, June 28, 11:30, at Lake Point Restaurant, 101 Marina Drive, 479-855-8110. It doesn't have to be your birthday, just come for fun, food and fellowship. Please sign up in Connector Hallway so we know how many are attending.

## SHEPHERD GROUP #4

Our June get-together will be Wednesday, June 26, 11:30 a.m. at Olive Garden in Rogers. Please let Barb or Joe Tropansky, 479-876-2308 or [tropanskyjb@gamil.com](mailto:tropanskyjb@gamil.com), know whether you will or will not attend by Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send your submissions to [pcbvoffice@pcbv.org](mailto:pcbvoffice@pcbv.org) with "newsletter" in the subject line.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 16

10am Worship—Vera Lloyd Offering

### Monday, June 17

11am-3pm—PEO Meeting (CD Chapter) (FH)  
4pm—Book Study, Parlor (Ch. 3-4)

### Tuesday, June 18

5:30pm–6:30pm Men's AA (A)

### Wednesday, June 19

10:30 Staff Meeting (A)  
6:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, June 20

1:00-3:00pm Ozark Hills Hikers  
2:00-3:00pm-Book Study, (Ch 5-6)

### Friday, June 21

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

### Saturday, June 22

No Events

### Sunday, June 23

10am Worship  
11:00am-Noon—New Member Class (Parlor)

### Birthdays

June 8—Jerold MacDonald  
June 17—Bill Wellner  
June 22—Peggy Prevost

# PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ Highlights



Thank you to everyone that came to see our wonderful models and enjoy our tea and treats. It was a successful show, thanks to everyone that worked to put it on.







## Blessing of the Pets



# Decatur Tornado Damage



On Tuesday and Wednesday, June 4th and 5th, the church delivered five truckloads of relief items to the residents of Decatur, Arkansas who were impacted by the May 26 tornado. Gail Cowden coordinated the relief effort. Butch Cowden and Lon Cross delivered the items collected.



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