

Sunday August 4th, 2024

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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AUDIO/VISUAL Carolyn Cross, Tom Hackleman, Steve Little, Jim Watson

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

PRELUDE

"Hiding in Thee"

Arr. Jay Rouse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called, Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Let us worship God!

*HYMN #837

"What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in

his way. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

FIRST READING

Ephesians 4: 1-8

4 I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 78:23-29

- ²³ Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;
- ²⁴ he rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven.
- ²⁵ Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.
- ²⁶He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;
- ²⁷ he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;
- ²⁸ he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.
- ²⁹ And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Steal Away"

An African American Spiritual

Soloist—Lon Cross

SECOND READING

John 6:24-35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Ca-per'nau-um looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes but

for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SERMON

"Baking Bread"

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please fill out a prayer card or speak directly into the microphone.

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

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

"Simple Gifts"

Arr: Paul Johnston

*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

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN # 840** *"When Peace Like A River"* (vs 1,2,4)

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*GOING FORTH #846 "Fight The Good Fight" (vs. 1)

*POSTLUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

Arr: Mark



Weekly Vista

WELCOME!

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

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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 at 248-688-8736. Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org stating your need.

Deacons August: Mary Hackleman David Rew 7/28/2024 Attendance: Members: 96 Guests: 14 Online: 11



TODAY 11am-12pm Potluck (bring sides!)

Nominating Committee will be meeting tomorrow, August 5th at Noon in classroom A

Please come check out new paintings in Fellowship Hall by Bev MacDonald and Shirley Olson. We are so blessed to have so many great artists in our congregation. Thank you for sharing with us!

BIRTHDAYS

August 9 Daniel Johnson
August 10 Marinell Anderson
August 10 Trudie Herzog
August 10 Buddy Needham

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 4
9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship / Communion
11:00am—12:00pm Church
Picnic—Potluck

Monday, August 5
12:00pm-Nominating
Committee (A)
1:00-2:00pm Operations
(Parlor)

Tuesday, August 6 5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

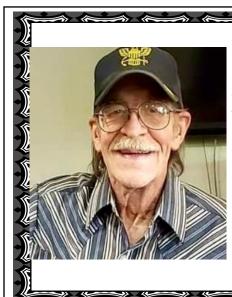
Wednesday, August 7 9:30am Deacons (A) 3:00-4:00pm Congregational Life (C)

Thursday, August 8 No Events

Friday, August 9 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, August 10 8:00am-12:00pm Art Club (F/H) 9:00—Stated Session

Sunday, August TI 9am Christian Ed Class 10am Worship



Wendell Dieleman, 71, passed away on July 28th surrounded by his dad, Bill and his sisters Services will be on Sunday, September 1st, 3pm at PCBV.

Thank you to all who worked on the Fashion Show "Puttin' On The Ritz." This collaborative event raised enough money to purchase new tables for Fellowship Hall so our members can have game nights and we can prepare to rent out our Fellowship Hall for future groups,

CHANCEL CHOIR STARTS BACK
UP AUGUST 14TH