



Wisdom of the Universe, Christi Belcourt

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 12, 2021
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19, selected verses

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure, making the wise simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer.

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Matt Curry

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

1 John 3:2

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of the children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own. We turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with you. Most of all, we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome. Forgive us, loving God. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you, and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how to walk in your ways and listen to your promise each and every day.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

CHORAL RESPONSE (Hymn 575) *Kyrie Eleison*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

With gentleness, God speaks to us; with graciousness, God forgives us; with joy, God embraces us.

With our lips, we praise God; with our words, we thank God; with our silence, we find God in our hearts. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 692)

Refrain:

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. (Refrain)

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. (Refrain)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your word, O Lord, is sweeter than honey and more precious than gold. Inspire this reading by your Holy Spirit and lead us to the treasure of your will, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 1:20-33 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 8:27-38 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Disaster Preparedness”

Rev. Dr. Craig Howard

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of Belhar

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church

God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Service Worship Sunday

Diane Bowers

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

To Everything There is a Season

arr. Wagner

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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, hosanna in the highest.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, send us out from our Lord's table to answer his summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 697

Take My Life

HENDON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Craig M. Howard*

Liturgist: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Communion Servers: *Marilyn Van Winkle & Ashley Hicks*

Liturgical Resources Used: *Lectionary Liturgies*, Thom Schuman; *LiturgyLink*, Rev. Andy James

We welcome Rev. Dr. Craig M. Howard to the pulpit today. Rev. Howard serves as a Ministry Relations Officer with the Presbyterian Foundation, an agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that gathers, stewards, and distributes funds for mission. He works with pastors, mid councils and church leaders to cultivate generosity and promote stewardship within their congregations. He also meets with donors to assist them in making gifts to support their church and other ministries.

Before joining the Foundation, Craig served as Presbytery Executive of Giddings-Lovejoy in St. Louis. Previously he served the presbytery of Milwaukee as Presbytery Executive. Craig has also served several congregations as pastor, in addition to a career in fund raising, and business. Craig is a native of Chicago and completed his undergraduate work at DePaul University, and earned the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from McCormick Theological Seminary.

The Life of the Church

Legacy Giving will be a focus of a lunch presentation following worship today in the pavilion. Join Rev. Craig Howard to learn more about how we can invest in the church's future mission and ministry.

Fall Pastor's Bible Study continues on Zoom at 6:00pm each Wednesday. This week's discussion will focus on chapter 3 of the Gospel of Mark.

Service Worship Sunday will be held September 26. This is a day when we will take our worship outside the walls of the sanctuary through service opportunities. Sign up sheets are located in the hallway near the Clinton Place entrance.

The Annual FPC Golf Scramble at Ben Hawes will be Sunday, September 26 beginning at 12:10. Dinner will follow at Longhorn's. Contact Patti Price, 270-314-6099, for more information.



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the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people,
and to join God in the building of a
just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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