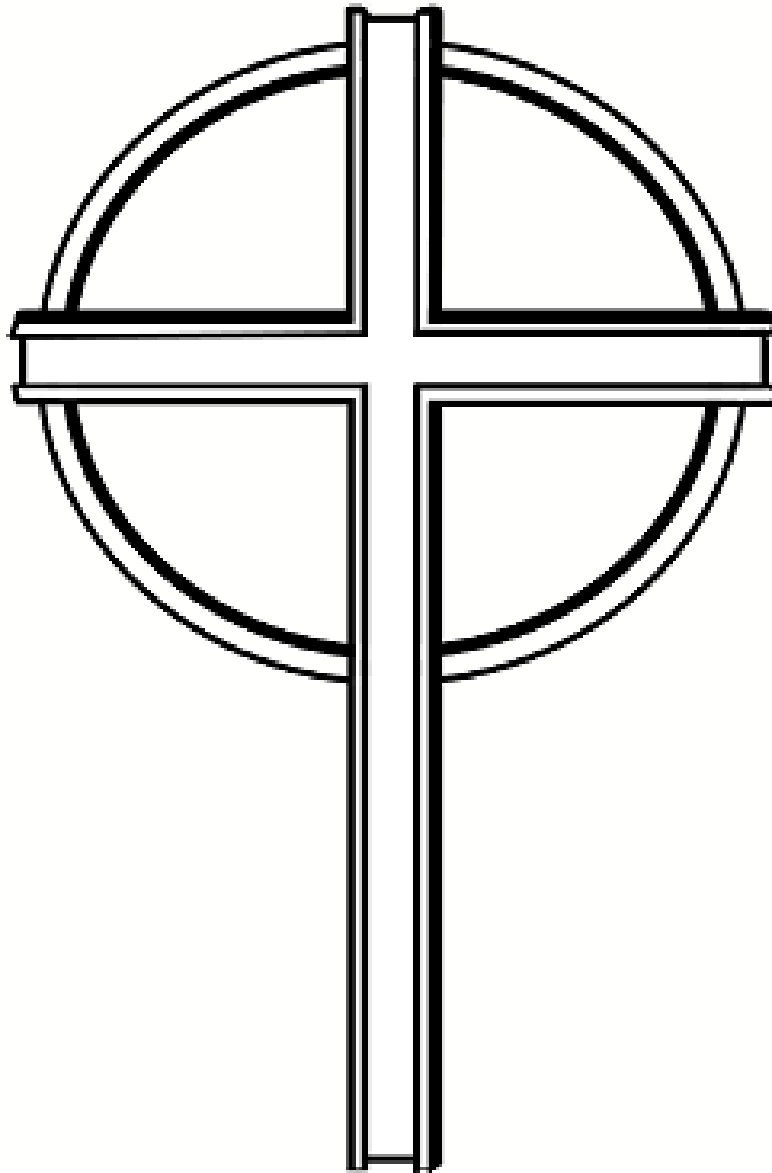


TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2020

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We have only one podcast this week, which begins here, continues through most of the worship service, to the Charge & Benediction.

Podcast: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1260758/5009894>

Church Sanctuary Available for Meditation

If you would like to visit the church sanctuary for quiet prayer and meditation, please contact the church office. We will schedule a time for it to be available for you, and provide you with a list of guidelines to ensure safety for you and all others at Saint Giles.

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING SONG #408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
verse 1

TUNE: SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Merciful God, we boldly pray to you,
confident that you will not reject us.
In spite of our human failings,
your love continues to draw us together.
Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of your love.
Sing with us today, as we proclaim the good news of your grace.
Dance with us today, as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ.
How good it is to be together!
Hallelujah! Amen!

PRELUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have gathered in our different places
to worship.

All: How good it is to worship together in unity!

One: We come from our different occupations,
our diverse activities.

All: How good it is to worship together in unity!

One: We come as unique individuals,
bound together in the love of Christ.

All: How good it is to worship together in unity!

*In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Love,
we have come before you today for a family reunion!
We know that we are sisters and brothers in Christ.
Each of us is your precious child.
And yet there is division in this family.
There is sibling rivalry, old resentments, new irritations.
We are quick to anger, slow to forgive.
We would rather choose our relatives,
than acknowledge the all-inclusive nature
of your family.

Open our hearts to your love,
and show us the way of reconciliation.
Teach us to see each brother and sister with your eyes.
Help us claim our heritage as your own children,
and live together in unity as your family.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not be distressed or angry with yourselves,
for the God who reconciled Joseph and his brothers,
can surely reconcile us.
God's mercy extends to everyone.
Rejoice and live in unity!

PASSING THE PEACE

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(based on Psalm 119:105)

One: Seeking unity, we come to the scriptures.
All: Open our hearts to hear and live your word.
One: Acknowledging our discord, we come to the scriptures.
All: Open our hearts to hear and live your word.
One: Realigning our lives with God, we come to the scriptures.
All: Open our hearts to hear and live your word.

PSALM Psalm 133

¹ How good and pleasant it is
 when God's people live together in unity!
² It is like precious oil poured on the head,
 running down on the beard,
 running down on Aaron's beard,
 down on the collar of his robe.
³ It is as if the dew of Hermon
 were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
 even life forevermore.

GOSPEL Matthew 15:10-28

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.
²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."
²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."
²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."
²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.
²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

HOMILY

SONG

All Ye Refugees

Sandra McCracken

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

God of All,
gather us into a time of prayer for our family.
Expand our vision to understand each human being
as our sister or brother; and enlarge our hearts
to offer love for each other, even as you love each of us.
As we prepare to continue our family reunion
in our community and in the world,
be with us now as we pray silently for members of our family.

(silence)

Now let us pray as we were taught, saying

**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.**

OFFERING

As our hearts overflow with God’s love,
We share with others
the abundance of our joy
Praying that we will have the vision
to use our blessings to offer hope to others.

SONG #300

We Are One in the Spirit

TUNE: THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:***

Refrain:

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:*** (Refrain)

***We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:*** (Refrain)

***All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:*** (Refrain)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to Mona Dowell, Patty Pace, and Eddie Adams, for providing the music and technical support for our Extended Podcast.

Thank you to the Rev. Vanna Fox, for leading worship today!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends

Pat Lindsay, Rachel Williams, Sandra Richbourg, **Charolette Brown**, Libby Morton, Dan Grassi, Dick Grassi, **Paula Hagler**, Dave Smith, Aleta Wheeler, Marie Minani, Inez Ruchte, Andrew Scharfe, **Peggie Bell**, **Jeane Nagel**, **Joe Moody**, **Donna Nichols**, **Larry Watson**, **Joyce Vollmer**

- **Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet**
- Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna
- Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy
- Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill
- Teresa Johnson's cousin, Kaitlyn
- Charolette Brown's friend, Jaqueline
- Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Ev
- Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene
- Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, & friend Ann Weber
- Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces Colleen, & Sourour Dehnadi, brother Ken, & friend Paul Hutter & family
- Dave & Rita Hart's friends Max, Terry, neighbor Mary & her family
- Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman
- Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey
- Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family
- Jo Lourens' father Flip Viviers
- Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family
- Lisa, coworker of Koreen Thomasson, & Lisa's husband Ed
- Sara Monazah's grandmother Zary
- Kathy & Bob Wolinski's daughter, Amy
- Joe Moody's sister Mary Lynn
- Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia
- Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters
- Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner
- Chris Maxwell's sister Cecile
- Nicole Goolsby's mother Lyn's friend Bob Albert
- Bob Lindsay's niece Eloise, following a fall from a ladder
- Scott Vollmer's mother, Lois
- **Nathan Whittle's aunt Pauline and her son**
- **Mary Ellen Jackson's family, following the death of two aunts in the past few weeks**
- **The Kuiken family, following the death of Rebecca's mother Edna**

*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.