

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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WELCOME

Wilber Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Sung Response

You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

Sung Response

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

Sung Response

Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Sung Response

Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

MESSAGE

Jesus' Final Exam

Rev. Rebecca Kuiken

SONG

Establish the Work of Our Hands

Porter's Gate

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of mercy, we invite you into this sanctuary, we invite you into our homes, our living rooms, our kitchens, our offices, the car, the city streets. We invite you to meet us in the reality of our lives.

And although we worship physically separate, we thank you, knowing that you unite us in worship, you bind our hearts in prayer, we praise you for calling us across the distance, for drawing us into your glorious presence, and for the promise of your spirit which heals every division, separation, and discord.

Creator God, it seems that all around us is in flux. Change, uncertainty, confusion have become our constant companions.

Lord, we are tired- we're tired from being unable to greet our neighbors, hug our friends, see our families. We are tired of mourning loved ones taken from us, we're tired from the unexpected loss of a job, from an exhausting political climate that feels like it could tear the fabric of every community, we are tired in the face of ongoing fires, hurricanes, and injustices against your children.

God, when it all seems too much, too uncertain, too unclear, when the way forward is roundabout, when we find our path cuts straight into the wilderness, will you meet us there, too?

We ask forgiveness for when we strayed from your will and took our eyes off your light. In your mercy, we seek to offer forgiveness and goodwill to those we feel have wronged us.

We ask to encounter your spirit, which frees us to see how you've guided us this far, you've led us, stayed with us, been with us, day and night. We confess you as unchangeable, the one who is certain, the God we know is not the author of confusion, but of peace, that we might be aware of your always present spirit which frees us to love our enemy, serve our neighbor, and see that guiding light which beckons us out of the desert, welcomes us home from the journey.

And so we pray, in the words you have taught us:

**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.**

CLOSING SONG #815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

William H. Walter

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face towards you
And give you peace. Amen

Thank you to Mona Dowell, Dave Smith, and Eddie Adams for providing the music and technical support for our worship podcast.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends.

Please note these newer prayer concerns:

Dave Smith

The family and friends of Paula Hagler, following her death

We continue to pray for:

Pat Lindsay

Charolette Brown

Dan Grassi

Inez Ruchte

Donna Nichols

Nancy Ross

Rachel Williams

Libby Morton

Aleta Wheeler

Jeane Nagel

Larry Watson

Sandra Richbourg

Dick Grassi

Jack Van Stavern

Joe Moody

Andrew Scharfe

We continue to pray for these family and friends of Saint Giles members:

Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet

Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna

Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy

Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill

Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Ev

Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene

Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, sister Eloise Rohner,
& niece Eloise Lindsay

Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces Colleen, & Sourour Dehnadi, brother Ken, & friend
Paul Hutter & family

Dave & Rita Hart's friend Terry, and neighbors Sarah and Wayne

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

Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family

Kathy & Bob Wolinski's daughter, Amy

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

Scott Vollmer's mother, Lois

Nathan Whittle's aunt Pauline and her son

Carol Pope's sister, Kathy; brother, David; sister-in-law, Kacy

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