



McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

August 16, 2020

“When all seems to be lost, God is most near to us.”

Special Music

Gloria Warren

Call to worship

When hatred and division separate us, God’s love binds us together. When quarrels estrange us from one another, Christ’s light shows us the way to reconciliation. When we feel excluded and left out, the Spirit’s peace eases our pain. When all hope of fellowship seems lost, God’s grace restores our hope. Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.

Opening Hymn

#276 *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Prayer of confession

Merciful God, we yearn to be like the Joseph who wept with forgiveness on the necks of those who sold him into slavery. But we fear that our deep-seated prejudices might lead us to dismiss her out of hand, as Jesus’s disciples did before us. We want to open our hearts, O God, to those who are different from ourselves. But we fear to expect too much of ourselves. Help us know the joy of living in peace and harmony, even with those we would rather live without.

Assurance of pardon

The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Rejoice in the knowledge of God’s saving love.

Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father”

Scripture reading

Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon

Rev. Anthony Gilbert
“When Our Faith is Tested”



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.

Affirmation of faith (The Apostles' Creed -Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Charge and benediction

The God of dreams has brought us together. The God of dreams sends us forth to love one another well. The God of love has knit us together in unity. The God of love sends us forth to heal our divisions. The God of hope sends us forth together. The God of peace sends us forth to bring the world home.

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



Opening Hymn: #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Words: Thomas Obediah Chilsholm, 1923

Music: William Marion Runyan, 1923

Closing Hymn #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Words: Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; John Rippon, 1787

Music: Oliver Holden, 1793

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday!

August 17th, Jennifer Hallberg- Armored Youth Leader

August 21st, Luther Langdale

August 22nd, Joy Dykes

***MAIL BIRTHDAY CARD OUT THIS WEEK**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUTHER- AUGUST 21st

Luther Langdale

c/o Savannah Court of Bartow

Room #103

290 North Idlewood Avenue

Bartow, FL 33830

****Session approved this past Monday, Phase 2 as "Worship begins meeting again in person," on Sunday, September 6th. The service will require individuals to wear mask at all times, social distancing and no more than 30% capacity of the hall as long as the overall positive COVID case pattern shows the total number decreasing each week.** Please continue to pray for flexibility as we meet in person, to give grace for modifications and changes that will take place and for those members and staff who are working on the motion presented for guidelines and procedures. The goal is to have final instructions emailed out to members by the end of the month.