*St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church*

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Interim Moderator: Rev. Robert Lyle

Clerk of Session: Jan Alchorn

Music Director: Linda Giddens

Leading Worship Today Rev. Bob Lyle

June 16th, 2024 9:30 am

4th Sunday after Pentecost/Father’s Day

*THE ORDER OF WORSHIP*

*OUR APPROACH TO GOD*

Call to Worship:

It is good to give God thanks, to sing praises to the Most High!

We will sing for joy to God who has made us glad.

Let us declare God’s steadfast love in the morning,

and God’s faithfulness by night.

So come to worship God with thankful, joyful hearts!

Let us praise God’s holy name together.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Living God, from you come vitality, love and joy. Your peace is our companion, your love is our strength, your Son is our hope. Your Spirit nurtures tiny seeds of purpose and potential, hidden deep in the soil of life, to surprise us with new life. While the earth begins to bloom around us, we bring you our prayers and praise, trusting that your Spirit will renew in us the gifts we need to serve you in faithfulness in the example of Christ our Lord.

Living, loving God, as we watch our gardens and our children grow, we confess we often resist the change growth can bring.

We form opinions about many things – and cling to them. We fear new insights and new directions. Forgive us when we think already know enough. Grant us faith like the mustard seed, able to grow with your blessing to become a mighty sign of your lively kingdom among us. Amen

Hymn God reveals His presence 322

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Holy God, the power of your love is beyond comprehension, the breadth of your compassion without measure, the depths of your wisdom knows no bounds. In Jesus Christ, you meet us in the midst of life’s joys and challenges to show us what it means to love and be loved. And so we offer you our love and loyalty, and our prayers and praise; through the power of your Spirit, draw us closer to you and closer to each other as friends and followers of Christ, our Risen Lord.

Merciful God, We often find it difficult to love others as you command. We seek our own security before the wellbeing of others. We fulfill our own desires rather than act for the common good. Forgive us. Redirect our priorities, and renew our commitment to live out your love, even when that demands more of us than we expect. Amen.

Hymn Can a little child like me 566

We hear God’s Word

O.T. Lesson: 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 p. 201

Responsive Psalm 20

**1**In times of trouble, may the Lord answer your cry. May the name of the God of Jacob keep you safe from all harm.  
**2May he send you help from his sanctuary and strengthen you from Jerusalem.**

**3**May he remember all your gifts and look favorably on your burnt offerings

**4May he grant your heart’s desires and make all your plans succeed.  
5**May we shout for joy when we hear of your victory and raise a victory banner in the name of our God. May the Lord answer all your prayers.

**6Now I know that the Lord rescues his anointed king. He will answer him from his holy heaven and rescue him by his great power.**  
**7**Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the Lord our God.

**8Those nations will fall down and collapse, but we will rise up and stand firm.**

**9**Give victory to our king, O Lord! Answer our cry for help.

N.T. Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 p. 818

N.T. Gospel Mark 4:26-34 p. 710

Sermon: Our Father’s world: beginning in a garden

Solo How deep the Father’s love for us

Offering

Doxology 603

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers for God’s World and God’s People

The Apostles’ Creed 616

Closing Hymn This is my Father’s world 242

Benediction & Choral Amen

Announcements:

Upcoming Services

June 23 Brad Little (Fellowship Sunday)

June 30 Susan Mattinson (Communion Service)

July 7 Bob Lyle

July 14 Brad Little

July 21 Bob Lyle

July 28 Susan Mattinson

Mission Moment: Sunday, June 16

Am Salama reflects on her life in Sudan before the outbreak of war. Following a political crisis in 2023, she and her family, once prosperous farmers and restaurant owners, were forced to flee their bustling town in East Darfur due to escalating tensions. The war separated Am Salama from her husband, who stayed behind to care for his blind mother. Facing numerous challenges during their journey to South Sudan, including being robbed of the little money and clothing she had managed to bring with her and frequent illness, Am Salama and her children found refuge at the Wedwil Refugee Camp. The safety and food assistance they received at the camp, supported by PWS&D, played a critical role in their survival.