

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

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July 21st, 2024 9:30 am

9th Sunday after Pentecost

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship:

In moments of anxiety, God leads us to still waters.

O God, we come to you.

In moments of confusion, God leads us in right paths.

O God, we come to hear your voice.

In moments of loneliness, God is with us.

O God, we come, seeking your love.

In all our moments, God is with us.

So we come to praise the One who restores our lives.

Hymn Jesus, where'er Thy people meet

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Prayers of Adoration and Confession

God our Maker, in summer we marvel at the world you have made, the colours of sunrise and sunset filling the horizon, the intricate beauty of flower gardens and natural parks, the quiet dignity of a river in its course, and the steadfast presence of a rock face carved over time. You show us how each small piece of your creation depends in many ways on all the others; the quality of life on the respect we offer each another.

God our Maker, we join all creation to bring you praise, honouring you and the relationships you have set between us all, through Christ, firstborn of all creation. Amen.

God our Maker, though we marvel at your creation, we confess we often take it for granted. We prefer to live as if our lifestyles make no impact on the earth. We resist reports that tell us otherwise. We confess we don't really want to change. Yet we wonder if the way we live pleases you. Forgive us for any harm we cause the earth. Teach us how to live with love and respect for you and your whole creation.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians proclaims that in Christ, the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. God has made peace with us through the Cross of Jesus Christ. So in Christ, all things hold together. Accept the peace of Christ and make peace with one another in his name.

Hymn How sweet the name of Jesus sounds **249**

We hear God's Word

Old Testament Lesson **2 Samuel 7:1-14** **p. 215**

Responsive Psalm **89:20-37**

20 I have found my servant David. I have anointed him with my holy oil.

21 I will steady him with my hand;with my powerful arm I will make him strong.

22 His enemies will not defeat him, nor will the wicked overpower him.

23 I will beat down his adversaries before him and destroy those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and unfailing love will be with him, and by my authority he will grow in power.

25 I will extend his rule over the sea, his dominion over the rivers.

26 And he will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

27 I will make him my firstborn son, the mightiest king on earth.

28 I will love him and be kind to him forever; my covenant with him will never end.

29 I will preserve an heir for him; his throne will be as endless as the days of heaven.

30 But if his descendants forsake my instructions and fail to obey my regulations,

31 if they do not obey my decrees and fail to keep my commands,

32 then I will punish their sin with the rod, and their disobedience with beating.

33 But I will never stop loving him nor fail to keep my promise to him.

34 No, I will not break my covenant; I will not take back a single word I said.

35 I have sworn an oath to David, and in my holiness I cannot lie:

36 His dynasty will go on forever his kingdom will endure as the sun.

37 It will be as eternal as the moon, my faithful witness in the sky!"

N.T. Epistle **Ephesians 2:11-22** **p. 827**

N.T. Gospel **Mark 6:30-34, 53-56** **p. 712**

Sermon: **Receiving the touch of Jesus**

Hymn Jesus, the very thought of Thee **243**

Offering

Doxology **603**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers for God's World and God's People

Closing Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling **233**

Benediction & Choral Amen

Announcements:

Upcoming Services

July 28 Susan Mattinson

August 4 Brad Little

August 11 Maryann Skinner

August 18 Susan Mattinson

August 25 Brad Little

Mission Moment – Sunday, July 21

In Pakistan, Jimtee is challenging cultural traditions in her community so that her daughter-in-law can remarry after Jimtee's son's death. As part of the Humanitarian, Early Recovery and Development project, she is learning how to confront long-held beliefs, particularly concerning underage marriages and gender roles within the household. Through the project, Jimtee recognized the injustices widows like her daughter-in-law, Mdam, faced. Determined to challenge tradition and ensure Mdam's well-being, Jimtee advocated for Mdam's remarriage despite social norms that wouldn't allow it. She successfully arranged a match for Mdam, allowing her to start a new life. Jimtee's actions demonstrated a new understanding of gender equality and women's rights and are helping reshape the narrative surrounding widowhood in her community.