



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **MADISON**



September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Wisdom cries out in the street. In the squares, she raises her voice.

P: Those who listen to her will be secure and will live at ease without the dread of disaster.

L: Let us open ourselves to the wisdom of God.

P: Let us worship God!

(The music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

***Opening Hymn** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*
(v1, v2, & v5)

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Creator, through Jesus Christ, you taught us how to live. But we ignore your wisdom. We grasp for material possessions, strive for fleeting status, and pursue short-lived pleasures. We turn away from the relationships, love, and work that gives us meaning. Show us how we might fill our lives with purpose and with your steadfast love. Through your Holy Spirit, we pray.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Congregational Response**

*You alone can rescue,
You alone can save,
You alone can lift us from the grave;
You came down to find us, led us out of death,
To You alone belongs the highest praise,
Amen.*

***Passing of the Peace**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

God of insight, help us to heed the cries of wisdom, so that we can walk in your way and discover your peace. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Philippians 2: 1-11

2 If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, **2** make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, **8** he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, **10** so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 8: 27-38

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 34 He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Sermon

The Uses of Not

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2: 5-11

We believe...

in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God...

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen!*

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

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.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
(v1, v3, & v5)

Benediction

***Postlude**

*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.
We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.*

WORSHIP LEADER

Becky Moody

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAKFAST-SEPTEMBER 25

Join us for an enjoyable morning of fun and fellowship at the Nautilus Diner, 97 Main Street, Madison on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:30 am. Please contact Jim Burnet at jimburnet@gmail.com with any questions.

BOTTLE HILL DAY-OCTOBER 5

Come and celebrate Bottle Hill Day on Saturday, October 5th from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to work at the petting zoo at the church. Please go to this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49ABAC23A6FDO-51411243-bottle> to volunteer. This is our biggest outreach event of the year. Please contact Jim Burnet at jimburnet@gmail.com with any questions.

nourish.nj

We will be collecting personal care items for nourish. NJ guests during the month of September - toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, and disposable razors are all welcome. Please place all donations in the bin in the narthex.

PRAYER LIST

- Former member Carol Sylverstein, recovering from a serious fall
- Steve, grieving the death of his son
- Tammy undergoing cancer treatment for full and complete healing
- Aida for good outcomes on her current journey
- Loretta for a successful surgery, pain relief, and faith throughout her journey
- Mari's mom recovering from a stroke and Mari, her caregiver
- Linda who is undergoing cancer surgery
- Evelyn Dowling who is recovering slowly from surgery for tears in her retina

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

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WELCOMING ALL
AS A LOVING COMMUNITY
CENTERED IN CHRIST,
GROWING IN FAITH,
SERVING IN JOY, AND
LIVING IN GRATITUDE

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WORSHIP
Sunday Service 10:15 am

SESSION

Jim Burnet
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