



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **MADISON**



September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

To Be Like You

Welcome/Announcements

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 124

L: If God had not been on our side, when our enemies attacked us, they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us.

P: The flood would have swept us away. The torrent would have gone over us. We would have drowned in the raging waters.

L: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Verse

Father let your kingdom come (holy holy)

Father let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven (let it be done)

Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread

Forgive us forgive us

As we forgive the ones who sinned

Against us forgive them

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

Let your kingdom come

Bridge

*It's yours it's yours
All yours all yours
The kingdom the power
The glory are yours*

*It's yours it's yours
All yours all yours
Forever and ever
The kingdom is yours*

Tag

*On Earth as in Heaven
Right here in my heart*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, too often, we refuse to ask for help. We think that being independent is a virtue. We feel too vulnerable when we acknowledge that we need things. We don't want to look weak in the eyes of another person. Help us to realize that we are created as a body, to rely on one another. Give us the courage to ask for prayer and receive aid in our time of need. Through your 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, lead us out of death,
To You alone belongs the highest praise,
Amen.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

God, your words are sweeter than the purest honey. By your Spirit, open our hearts and minds, so that we hear your words. Help us to taste and see that you are good. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

James 5:13-20

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. 19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, 20 you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 9:38-50

38 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he was not following us." 39 But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40 Whoever is not against us is for us. 41 For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

42 “If any of you cause one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, 48 where their worm never dies and the fire is never quenched. 49 “For everyone will be salted with fire. 50 Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Sermon

Does Prayer Work?

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**

Prayers of the People

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**

Your Grace is Enough

Verse 1

*Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart*

Pre-Chorus
(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2
Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Chorus 2
Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

Benediction

***Postlude**

Your Grace is Enough

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

Kathleen Underwood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP CAROL MOVE IN!-OCTOBER 1

Come help Carol move in on October 1 from 5 pm - 7:30 pm. Meeting location is 83 Park Avenue in Madison (2nd floor). Carol has asked for our help with unpacking boxes. No heavy lifting. Food and fun to follow.

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/30E0E49ABAC23A6FD0-51411243-bottle> to volunteer. Contact Jim Burnet at jimburnet@gmail.com with any questions. This is our biggest outreach event of the year.

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**

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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
Becky Moody, Clerk

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Mary-Anna Holden

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