

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

Indigenous Peoples Sunday

10:30 AM

* *Stand if you are able*

Bold: *Said by all*

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive):

Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

The kingdom of God is growing.

While we sleep and rise night and day:

The kingdom of God is growing.

The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

The kingdom of God is growing,

its large branches offer sanctuary to all people.

*Gathering Hymn: "Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary" (projected)

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Gracious God,

we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.

Captivated by power and prestige,

we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around.

Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work.

Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes—

fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation;

beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs;

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building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests.

Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray,

so that we might reach our fullest height of faith.

In Christ's name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem: *"Sing Out With Splendor"* (Mary Martin/Joseph M. Martin)

*Children's Hymn: *"O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us"* (#384)

Children's Story (Grade 5 & under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

Holy God, we walk by faith and not by sight.

Guide our steps in your Word today that,

by the power of the Holy Spirit,

we are kept from falling

and find our way in your way.

Through Christ, we pray. Amen.



Scripture

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

Mark 4:26-34

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "SHADE FOR ALL"

Silent Reflection

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OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"For The Fruits Of All Creation"* (#802)

* **Declaration of Faith:** The Living Faith, Ch. 2.1 (in unison)

The living God is Lord,

Creator of all, Sustainer and Ruler of the universe.

In the seasons and the harvests,

in the rise and fall of nations,

God's goodness and judgment are present.

All events in this world

are under the sovereign care of the eternal God.

**We hold in reverence the whole creation
as the theatre of God's glory and action.
God rules the lives of individuals and nations
yet does not negate our freedom and responsibility.
Ever at work in the world and in our lives
God directs all things towards fulfillment in Christ.**

**We affirm God's righteous and loving purpose
even in a world where evil abounds.
This purpose is uniquely disclosed in Jesus Christ.
In him we see the greatest paradox of life:
the mighty God chose to come into this world in weakness.
In Christ, God entered most deeply into our suffering.**

**We cannot fully comprehend
nor is it our task to justify
God's rule of the world.
We experience evil in the midst of life.
Yet evil cannot ultimately prevail,
for it is against God's will.
The resurrection of Christ
and the new life he gives us
are assurance of his ultimate triumph.**

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation"* (#482)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now in Peace"*

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude