

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 24, 2018

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):

God alone laid the foundations of the earth.

The morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.

From the midst of the whirlwind, God speaks with power.

We have seen the deeds of the Lord,

who commands and raises the stormy wind

and also makes the storm be still.

We ourselves have seen the wondrous deeds of the Lord!

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

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Saving God,

we confess that our faith is too small,

our fear is too great.

When we are overwhelmed,

we think you do not care enough for us.

When life is uncertain and risky,

we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts.

Even when you move among us in powerful ways,

we question who you are.

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Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray.

Teach us to trust in your power to save

and guide us in every circumstance.

Grant us your peace,
which is clearly beyond our understanding.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem: "Prelude"

(Frederic Chopin/Patrick M. Liebergen)

*Children's Hymn: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (#570)

Children's Story (Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

Holy God, we know that our own words lack knowledge
whenever we try to speak of you
or to you.

Yet we are drawn to your presence
and desire to understand all your mysteries.

So now, speak your words and we will listen carefully,
responding in awe and gratitude.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Job 38:1-11

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

Scripture

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: "Teach Me, God, To Wonder" (#704)

* **Declaration of Faith:** The Living Faith, Chapter 6 (in unison)

We are not always certain that God is with us.

At times God calls us to live in this world
without experiencing the divine presence,
often discerning God's nearness only as we look back.

At other times God seems absent
in order that our faith may be tested.
Through such struggle we mature in faith.
God may also chasten and strengthen us
through the hard circumstances of life.

Questioning may be a sign of growth.
It may also be disobedience:
we must be honest with ourselves.

Since we are to love God with our minds,
as well as our hearts,
the working through of doubt
is part of our growth in faith.

The church includes many who struggle with doubt.
Jesus accepted the man who prayed:
"Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief."

Though the strength of our faith may vary
and in many ways be assailed and weakened,
yet we may find assurance in Christ
through confidence in his word,
the sacraments of his church, and the work of his Spirit.

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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: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* (#371)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now in Peace"*

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude