

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
20th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion & Thanksgiving

October 7th, 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:

*Gathering Hymn: "10 000 Reasons"

(Matt Redman)

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of Confession:

You gave us commandments, God of love,
because you know the hardness of our hearts.

You have created us to live in community,
and still we oppress others and separate ourselves
from each other and from you.

Jesus loved the children,
yet there are still children in the world
who live in hunger or fear, rejected and unloved.

Forgive us; call us again to faithfulness.
Bind all your children together as sisters and brothers,
and nurture us with your love and forgiveness,
that we would share what we have been given,
and receive your kingdom
with the wonder and gratitude of children.
In Jesus' 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.

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Ian Madge

Choir Anthem: "As Jabez Prayed"

(Lloyd Larson)

*Children's Hymn: "Fill All My Life, O Lord, My God"

(#653)

Children's Story

(Grade 12 & under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors,
but in these last days God has spoken to us
through Jesus Christ.

Open our hearts and minds to your Word,
that we would see your light. Amen.

Scripture:

To be projected.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Sermon: "WHY DO WE PRAY?"

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" (#651)

Declaration of Faith: From the Living Faith, Ch. 8 (in unison)

Disciples of Christ are called to obedience.

Jesus said: "If you love me, keep my commandments."

Obedience involves us totally.

Yet as we give ourselves to him we discover
that his service alone brings true freedom.

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Life in Christ is formed in a believing community,
and expressed in daily living.

We are to bring Christ's healing presence
to the world for which he died,
his peace to its pain and anguish.

Life in Christ involves prayer,
the seeking of God's will and blessing
on all of life.

Prayer is openness to the presence of God.

**In words, or the absence of words,
prayer is the focusing of our lives towards God.**

**As we commune with God through Jesus Christ,
the Holy Spirit enables us to express our deepest longings,
and we experience the sustaining power of God's presence.**

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"One More Step Along the World I Go"* (#641)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now in Peace"*

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude