

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

9:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Voluntary on "Detroit".....* Arr. Lasky

[Notes on the Prelude—Last Sunday's prelude was a shape note tune from the 1816 edition of "Kentucky Harmony". This shape note tune appeared in the 1820 supplement of the same hymnal. Many of these hymns were known as "fuguing" tunes because they were often sung in round. David Lasky's arrangement reminds us of that early 19th century style of Protestant hymn singing. This tune appears twice in our hymnal. #881 is "O Save Me, God, And Hear My Cry" a paraphrase of Psalm 54.]

Please use this time to prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

†All who are able, please stand.

Bold print—all respond.

THE CHURCH BELL RINGS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

†ENTRANCE OF THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

†GATHERING SONG NO. 664 (vs. 1, 3)..... *Morning Has Broken*

CCLI#1622560

**Morning has broken, like the first morning.
Night bird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the first day.**

†CALL TO WORSHIP

A word spoken, a voice heard,

A dream revealed, a mission received.

God calls, again and again.

God beckons us to follow.

To love, to serve, to give, again and again.

God invites us to embrace those who are lonely,

To feed those who are hungry, to tell the Good News of Jesus,

To love and serve, and to sing praises all our days.

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation, by water and the Word;
from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know that we have not lived according to God's desires for us. The brokenness in the world, and the sin and despair in our hearts, threaten to change us in ways we would not wish. Still, God is our hope and our firm foundation. Whenever we come to our creator and confess, our God is quick to forgive. Let us admit our weakness and reach out for the grace-filled love we so desperately need.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see into our hearts. You see the true selves we try to hide from others, the sins we fear would destroy our images, the evils that lurk so deep within us we can scarcely name them, the sad habits that have been with us so long that they no longer prick our consciences. But you also see in us Jesus Christ, the Holy One who took on our sin and covers us in his righteousness. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Restore us with your love and send us out again to try and perhaps to succeed., we ask this in Christ's name...

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Thank you for calling us back, for never giving up on us when we turn aside, for always loving us, even when we forget who you are and who we might yet be. We know you, we trust you, and we pray to reflect your love at all times, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 679 *Let the Whole Creation Cry*
CCLI#1622560

Let the whole creation cry glory to the Lord on high.

Heaven and Earth awake and sing,

“Praise to our almighty king.”

Praise God angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;

sun and moon uplift your voice; night and stars in God rejoice.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please share this prayer with those near you.)

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC..... *I Want Jesus To Walk with Me*
Lloyd Larson

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, I want Jesus to walk with me, to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.

THE READING OF GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 28:10-19a

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

A SPECIAL TIME WITH ALL GOD’S CHILDREN!..... “Napping”

†HYMN NO. 824 *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*
CCLI#1622560

**There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.**

Refrain **O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.**

**There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.** Refrain

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)* Arr. Hayes

[Notes on the Offertory—It has become our custom to sing Andraè Crouch's "Soon and Very Soon" during Advent season. Another well-known Crouch gospel piece is "My Tribute", a wonderful piece made even better through Mark Haye's arranging. The song begins as a meditative prayer of thanksgiving that swells to a passionate hymn of praise. The opening lines are: "How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me? Things so undeserved yet You gave to prove Your love for me; the voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. To God be the glory..."]

†THE DOXOLOGY (Hymnal No. 606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the prayer)

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S NAME

†HYMN NO. 700 (vv. 1, 2, 3) *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
CCLI#1622560

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 69 (Refrain) *Here I Am, Lord*
CCLI#1622560

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

†POSTLUDE *Epilogue* Martin

[Notes on the Postlude—It would be a stretch to call this organ piece a song. There are only snatches of melody scattered through semi-organized clusters of mostly dissonant chords. But I like it, and it really showcases the rich pedal notes.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 19-26, 2020

TODAY

- 9:00 am: Livestreamed Morning Worship
10:30 am: Spiritual Growth Faith Formation Class via Zoom
11:00 am: In-Person Worship **(Please Note Restrictions, including Required Reservations)**

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Newcomers' Class—6:30 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Tuesday: Staff Meeting—10:00 am
Session & Deacons Meeting via ZOOM—7:30 pm
Wednesday: "Snackin' & Chattin'" via ZOOM—12:00 Noon
Thursday: Tai Chi—1:00 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Sherando Food Pantry—6:30 pm
Saturday: Karen Jones' Memorial Service (Family Only)—11:00 am
(Available through Livestream, OpequonChurch.org)

NEXT SUNDAY

- Livestreamed Morning Worship—9:00 am
Spiritual Growth Faith Formation Class via Zoom—10:30 am
In-Person Worship—11:00 am

(Reservations Required—Please Note Restrictions)

Genesis 29:15-28, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon: "A Treasure Hunt"

Four Cents A Meal

Sizzling Summer Sunday for Families—2:00-5:00 pm—Church Grounds

Outdoor Worship—6:30 pm—Shelter & Field

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by David Witt in honor of Carole Witt and in celebration of her birthday on Wednesday, July 22nd.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Tom Schmidt
Al "Pop" Owens Sr
Dave Zarefoss
Belinda Burton
Bonnie Cummins
Jackie Boyd Family
Kent & Lee Dittman
Gary Pierce
Becky Proctor
Andrew Oliver
Denise Musgrave
Faye Myers
Donna & Tom Messerschmidt
Adam Branch Hoover
Racial Injustice
Bonnie Wilfong
Amy Lou Haake
Duke Cutshall
Donna Royston Skowronski
Riana Wilhelm
Noah Porter
Arthur deButts
James Brown
Larissa Strosnider
Dave Johnson
Coronavirus

First Responders
Healthcare Workers
Grocery Workers
Essential Workers
Schools
Funeral Homes
Families
Older Adults
Food Banks
Homeless
Underemployed & Unemployed
Megan Galloway
Lisa Shade-Snip
Bobby Hudnall
Frances Pitcock
Sue Lee
Julia Long
Lanette Orduna
Paul Ebersole
Colleen McMurdo
Lyn White
Nancy Kerns
Edgar Tufts
Nathan Windle
Mike Shade
Associate Pastor Nominating

Committee (APNC)
Casey Carr
Ed & Esther Duetsch
Mark Wilhelm
Katie Teets
TK Tandy III
Dan Thompson
Division in Our Country
Joe Lingo
Brad Treece
Patricia Ferguson
Women & Children of Domestic
Violence
Families of Children, Youth &
Young Adults with Special
Needs
Jim Butler
Tom Gano
Disaster Relief Agencies
Kes Mersha
Jane Lewis
Doug Koch
Illubabor Bethel Synod of
Church Mekane Yesu
Rachel & Michael Weller
Doug Dicks

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE

Joshua Blake, Max Crane, Andrew Crane, Thomas Crane, Edison Gomez, Taylor McMurdo, Samuel & Julia Phillips, Brandon Michael, Jared Snawder, Greg Sousa, Katherine Tufts, Michael White, and their families.

NEWCOMERS' CLASS

We will try something new and have a Newcomers' Class at the Pitcock Memorial Shelter tomorrow night, July 20 at 6:30 pm. We will maintain social distancing. This class is for those who are new to Opequon or who have not been able to attend a class previously. If you would like to attend, please call the church office at 662-1843 or email office@opequonchurch.org. We want to make the necessary preparations for the class.

VACATION FOR THE WITTS

Carole and David Witt return from vacation today and will be back in the church office tomorrow.

SIZZLING SUMMER SUNDAY: JULY 26TH

NEXT Sunday, July 26, families are invited to come enjoy the outdoor sizzling summer activities. There will be wading pools, water balloons, a sprinkler, corn hole, croquet, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, hula hoops, basketball, and badminton all set up around the church for kids to enjoy at their own pace as it is all self-guided. Cold drinks and popsicles will be provided for self-service. **All this fun will be available 2:00-5:00 pm next Sunday.** Parents are asked to stay with their children. No other adult supervision is provided. A summer devotional page will be provided for families to take as you leave for some follow up conversation at home. Please understand that access to restrooms will not be available during the sizzling summer fun activities. Let the kids cool off and all of you can enjoy some refreshing summer treats.

RE-ENTRY PLAN DETAILS

9:00 am Livestreamed Full Worship Service (only Worship Team present)

- ✓ Our current livestreamed worship will be available to you at 9:00 am or any time after
- ✓ This is the service that the congregational surveys overwhelmingly indicated must be our priority and must continue as is.

11:00 am In-Person Worship (limited to 75 people)

- ✓ 45-minute service with restrictions for all worshipers
- ✓ Minimum 6' social distancing at all times inside the building
- ✓ No social interaction inside the building
- ✓ Wearing face masks mandatory for entrance to the building and must always be worn in the building; if you do not wear a face mask, you will be asked to go home and livestream.
- ✓ No congregational singing or spoken responses
- ✓ Advanced registration and reserved seating required for worship EACH WEEK through phone call or Sign-Up Genius. Please call

Rebekah Witt at 540-686-0752 for phone reservations on Monday or Tuesday. The Sign-Up Genius link will be emailed by the church office on Tuesday afternoons. **You will need to register again every week.**

- ✓ Limited seating capacity in Sanctuary (75)
- ✓ Printed bulletins on pews
- ✓ Restrooms available one person at a time
- ✓ No Nursery provided.
- ✓ We would strongly encourage those who are most compromised and those who are not able to adhere to the restrictions to stay home, stay safe, and worship with us through livestream.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Thank you to all volunteers who have helped in the garden so far! This week, 24.25 pounds of fresh produce were donated to the Highland Food Pantry, and 22.45 pounds were donated to the Sherando Food Pantry. There will be a garden open house on July 26th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us at Hedgebrook Farm, but we ask that everyone who comes bring their own mask. We will have cold water and shaded places to sit, rest, and enjoy the garden. We hope to see you there!

YOUR OFFERING—THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

- ✓ **Mail it** to Opequon Church, 217 Opequon Church Lane, Winchester, VA 22602
- ✓ **Drop it** by the church by calling ahead and ringing the doorbell upon arrival. You can use the mail slot in the door (that leads to the Dell Room) after hours.
- ✓ **Set it up** through an on-line banking transfer with your local bank. You may specify the amount and the day you want your contribution sent to OPC, just like the bills you pay on-line. The advantages are convenience, time savings, and for many forgetfulness.
- ✓ **Click it** on the Donate Now button on the church website.

OUTREACH THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Opequon's engagement in mission is strong! Your food, in-kind, and financial donations are appreciated and may be brought to the church during weekly office hours. Bins are located outside. We are especially supporting...

- Our Motel Ministry—There is a need for donations such as dish sponges, dish soap, laundry detergent pods, dryer sheets, tooth brushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, cracker packs, granola bars, oatmeal packs, boxes of easy mac & cheese, and ramen noodle packs.
- Highland Food Pantry (non-perishables)
- Sherando Food Pantry (canned chicken, canned chili with meat, canned spaghetti & meatballs, canned fruit & vegetables, soup, dry cereal)
- Bright Futures, feeding the children of Winchester and Frederick County (e.g. 100% Juice Boxes, granola bars, cup of soups, cracker packs, boxes of oatmeal packets)

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 26 6:30 pm WOW!
Wonderful Outdoor Worship at the Picnic Shelter/Lawn

- Approximately 40 minutes in length
- Please bring your own lawn chairs
- Restrictions Will Apply: Minimum 6' social distancing; no singing; no restrooms on the property will be available; have a mask available for unanticipated interaction less than 6'
- No advance registration required.
- You will be directed where to park and will sit in front of your vehicle.
- Weather Permitting

Outdoor worship at 6:30 pm on Sunday evenings –August 9 & August 23

THE SESSION—ELDERS

Stephen Brown Clerk
David Witt Moderator

Class of 2022

Lisa Reed Worship Ministry
Mitch Orndorff Administration Ministry, Personnel Team
Katherine Newhouse Christian Education Ministry
David Schwantes Visioning Team

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TRUSTEES

Larry Donovan Class of 2020
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WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

Did you know that shape-note singing was developed near Winchester in West Virginia?

Notes on Today's Children of All Ages Sermon

Do you take naps? Do you ever "sleep on it" when you have something on your mind?

Notes on Today's Prayers

How did today's prayers strengthen you as a Christian and a role model for others?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

Are you irritated when it seems good people are more poorly treated than those who seem less decent?

How does today's Gospel inform the ways we could treat those who disappoint us?