

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 9, 2020

9:00 am

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"*..... Arr. Smith

[Notes on the Prelude—This melody dates to 1623 but was made universally popular by Ralph Vaughan Williams' reworking of the tune about 1909. A common text with this tune is "All Creatures of Our God and King" based on a poem by St. Francis Assisi from 1225. When they were paired a hundred years ago the text was already seven centuries old and the tune was three centuries old. Sometimes it takes a long time to get things "just right!"]

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. 743 *O God, You Are My God*

CCLI#1622560

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning,

and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me,

and I will follow you all of my days.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, come to the waters.

We gather to be restored and renewed.

Come, with your faith and your doubt, your trust, and your fear.

We respond to the one who claims and calls us.

Come, Christ summons us to draw near, as we face our trials.

Let us praise God as we seek and learn and follow, step by step.

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
restless wave,**

**Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits
keep:**

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

**O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves
submissive heard,**

**who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did
sleep:**

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

**O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce
confusion, peace:**

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

**O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's
hour;**

**from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er
they go;**

**Thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land
and sea.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin

and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love.

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

LITANY OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

†THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 621 *I Will Call upon the Lord*
CCLI#1622560

**I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.**

†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

You Say..... Arr. Lauren Daigle
Jenna Arnoldy, solo

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know, ooh oh
You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
And You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours
And I believe (I), oh, I believe (I)
What You say of me (I) I believe
The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity, ooh oh
You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing

You say I am strong when I think I am weak
And You say I am held when I am falling short
When I don't belong,...

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33

A SPECIAL TIME WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN "Two Coats for Joseph"
†HYMN NO. 815 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*
CCLI#1622560

**Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;
God shall lift up thy head.**

**Through waves and clouds and storms
God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.**

**Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way,
how wise, how strong God's hand!**

**Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.**

SERMON "In the Face of Trials"
David R. Witt, Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Meditation on "Foundation"* Arr. Lasky

[Notes on the Offertory—This tune was composed by Joseph Funk specifically for the text: "How Firm A Foundation". Funk is credited with developing the shape note method of singing in the early 1800's. He resided less than an hour south of here in Singer's Glen, Virginia. This tune was published in *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, by Joseph Funk (Winchester, Virginia 1832)]

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

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

†HYMN NO. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*
CCLI#1622560

**God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy
control;**

**Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in
soul.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's
goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.**

†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 *Variations on "Deo Gracias"* Arr. Lasky
[Notes on the Prelude—"Deo Gracias" can be translated as Thanks be to God.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 9-16, 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**)
6:30 pm: Wonderful Outdoor Worship "WOW"—Shelter & Field

THIS WEEK

- Monday: Youth Group—4:00 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Men of Opequon "MOO"—6:00 pm—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Tuesday: God-Loving Opequon Women "GLOW"—6:00 pm
—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Wednesday: "Snackin' & Chattin'" via ZOOM—12:00 Noon
LOGOS Leadership Team—5:15 pm
—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Thursday: Tai Chi—10:30 am—Pitcock Memorial Shelter
Sherando Food Pantry—6:30 pm
Young Adult Bible Study—7:15 pm
Saturday: Shed Build Work Day—8:00 am—OH Grounds

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 45:1-15, Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon: "God at Work"

Ice Cream Drive Thru—6:30-8:00 pm—Front Sidewalk-Fellowship Hall Doors

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary by Bill and Pat Heavner in honor of their grandson, Will Baker, and in memory of his mother Mary Kathrine Heavner Baker.

TONIGHT 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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jim Butler
 Erin Richman
 Caroline Devlin
 Beirut, Lebanon
 College Students
 Bud & Becky Proctor
 Wendy Wygant & Family
 Jim & Cheryl Friend
 David Daggett II
 Stephanie Christensen
 Alyce Callahan
 Local Schools
 Frances Pitcock Family
 Denise Weidele & Family
 JR Richard
 Isabelle Evans
 Bob Zerkle
 Mike Nutry
 Emily Renner
 Nancy Budny
 Sabrina Lunsford
 Becky Myers
 Una Cummings
 Gerri Bayliss
 Tom Schmidt
 Al "Pop" Owens Sr
 Dave Zarefoss
 Belinda Burton
 Bonnie Cummins
 Kent & Lee Ditmer
 Gary Pierce

Andrew Oliver
 Denise Musgrave
 Adam Branch Hoover
 Racial Injustice
 Bonnie Wilfong
 Amy Lou Haake
 Donna Royston Skowronski
 Riana Wilhelm
 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
 Bobby Hudnall
 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
 Tom Gano
 Disaster Relief Agencies
 Kes Mersha
 Jane Lewis
 Doug Koch
 Illubabor Bethel Synod of
 Church Mekane Yesus
 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.

MEN OF OPEQUON

The Men of Opequon (MOO) will meet tomorrow August 10th at the Pitcock Memorial Shelter at 6:00 pm, practicing social distancing. Please bring your own dinner from Chick-fil-A, home, or elsewhere. Let's enjoy seeing each other in person and sharing conversation while eating our own meal. All men are invited!

GLOW MEETS THIS WEEK

Opequon women are invited to gather at the Pitcock Shelter this Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 pm. Bring a bag dinner; cold drinks will be provided. We will have devotions, look at a "Women's Group Idea List" and share our thoughts on any upcoming plans. We'll pray for a breeze to be blowing through the shelter to keep us comfortable and at ease.

KID'S ZOOM TIME

Children of all ages are invited to join Rebekah and Carole for KID'S ZOOM TIME on Thursday at 11:00-11:30 am. We chat, play all kinds of games, hear stories, and have a prayer together. It is an exciting time to see one another and stay connected. The ZOOM link is sent out each week on Tuesday or Wednesday. We hope to share some screen time with you!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- Over 30 pounds were donated to the Highland Food Pantry this week to help feed the food insecure. There are slots open to water at the end of August, so look ahead at your calendars and sign-up if you are able. The SignUpGenius can be found on the homepage of the church's website. If you have any questions, please contact a lead gardener or the garden administrator at graysonmoyer7@gmail.com.
- The Community Garden needs donations of the following: quart & gallon sized zipper bags, baby powder, scissors, plastic tubs with handles, 1 old patio umbrella with stand, paper grocery bags with handles, plastic grocery bags, hand held spray bottles and garden spades (not squared shovels). Please drop off items at the church during regular office hours (M-T 8:30-3 & F 8:30-12:30).

- We are planning a work day at the new garden (to be located on Opequon House grounds) on Saturday, August 15. We need volunteers to help assemble a shed for the garden. Skilled carpenters, handy people and helpers are needed. Lots to do...cut, assemble, paint, roof shingles, etc. Please bring a Skil saw, chop saw, saw horses, level, battery operated screw guns, and electric cords. A portable generator is needed for Friday, 8/14 and Saturday, 8/15. If you have questions or to sign up to help please call Bill Hopeck at 703-629-7157.

ICE CREAM DRIVE THRU ON AUGUST 16TH

Ice cream is the perfect dessert on a summer evening! Look forward to an outing NEXT Sunday evening, August 16 to our Ice Cream Drive Thru! Some of the items available that evening will be clown cones, ice cream pie, chocolate sundaes, root beer float, or a simple dish of ice cream. You will not even need to get out of your vehicle! You can make your selections at your first stop, then loop around to the pick-up stop and your goodies will be brought to your vehicle window. The Ice Cream Drive Thru will be open 6:30-8:00 pm on August 16. There is no cost, but donations are accepted.

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

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.**
- ✓ 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.

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 Give 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)

WORSHIP NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

Notes on Today's Music

How did today's music testify to God's strength during fear and trials?

Notes on Today's Prayers

For what or for whom will I pray this week?

Notes on Today's Children of All Ages Sermon

- What did Joseph remember wherever he went?
- Who is with us wherever we are?

Notes on Today's Scripture and Sermon

- How do times of turmoil and anxiety affect your trust in God?
- When we are facing trials, do we doubt God's power? Do we doubt ourselves?
- Can you recall other biblical stories, or a story from your own life, when God reached out to rescue or to overcome doubt and fear with the gift of increased faith?
- How has Jesus revealed his presence and companionship?
- How do Joseph and Peter/the disciples represent us as both individuals and as a community of faith?
- What is helping you/your family/us cope, be sustained, and "take heart" during this unsettled season in your life and the world?
- What are some "simple gifts" that give you perspective, keep you focused and balanced, and make you grateful?