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We support Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers,
Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Please silence your cell phones.

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 12, 2020

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Thy Word" *setting by Mark Hayes*
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

*Leader: O God, we gather together in your presence with expectation,
hungry for an encounter with you, eager to hear your Word.*

**All: Open our eyes and ears to the presence of your Holy Spirit. May the
seeds of your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil.**

*Leader: May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant
harvest of good words and deeds.*

**All: We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

Unison Prayer of *Confession* (written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on
Liturgies Online)

**Lord Jesus Christ, we remember with gratitude those people
who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. Above all, we
recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the Holy Spirit
so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown. We confess
the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in
the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become more
important than yours; the times when we have denied others the
opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or
involvement; the times when our lives become so entangled with the
values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and
promised.**

(continued)



Lord Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives becomes parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you. If you hear nothing else today, hear these words: there is no condemnation. Believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon



Prayer for Illumination

Lord, you are the sower of the seeds of love and redemption. We have not always been ready to receive these seeds. Today we hear again the scriptures that remind us of the awesome generosity of God. Help us be good soil, O God, prepared to receive your love and to grow in that love. Amen.



Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-11



Hymn

"God Loves the World" (Trust and Obey)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon

"Listen for the Word of God"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

Assurances of Pardon



A Time for Silent Reflection



Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.



GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory **“Be Thou My Vision”** *setting by Jan Sanborn*
High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



The Affirmation of Faith: From “The Confession of 1967” of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. We believe that the new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.



Hymn #458

"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

THY WORD

Benediction

Postlude



zoom



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

Monday night, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

or

Wednesday morning, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Join Dr. Phil for a weekly Bible study on the scripture lesson/sermon text for the following Sunday. The Zoom invitation with log-on information is sent weekly via email.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Congratulations** to Hayes and Emily Ludlum on receiving the Governor's Voluntary Service Award for their work in disaster relief and health and human services. Well deserved!

* **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Rev. James Atwood (former pastor) who died on June 26 and to Judy Mills and her family on the death of her brother Teddy Mathews, on June 27.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Julienne Carone Diers by her family.

Thank You

Dear Church Family, Thank you to my wonderful church family for the calls, messages, visits, flowers, cards, food and other acts of kindness shown to me before and after the death of my brother, Leo Lanier. I am blessed to have so many caring people in my life. Harriet Farnior



Church News