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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

August 30, 2020

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Life High the Cross" *setting by Larry Shackley*
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Welcome and Announcements



Opening Sentences Elder Hope Turnbull

Leader: Call to us, O Lord, and ask us to come to you.

All: We come without fear, even though we do not know what the future holds for us.

Leader: Lord, we will come and follow you all of our days.

**All: Be present with us, O Lord, and inspire our steps in your service.
Amen.**



Hymn #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

Unison Prayer of Confession *(based on Matthew 16: 21-28)*

Merciful God, you call us to follow you, to turn away from our own selfish interests, and to take up our cross and follow after you, even if the path is difficult to see, or is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves. Forgive us for being so quick to question and so hesitant to follow. Help us to see with the eyes of faith, rather than from our own human point of view. Teach us to follow without fear, knowing that you are always with us, leading the way. Lord, hear our prayers . . .



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



Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

All: We are God's children, called to be different, called to act different, called to live as new people. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Holy God, open our eyes, our hearts, our minds as your Word is read and proclaimed. We ask in Jesus' name who sends us out to speak love and mercy and grace to those who are waiting, longing, hoping for a sign that they are not alone, that you are a God of love, that you are a Savior who knows their name, that the Holy Spirit is leading them home. Amen.



Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Elder Hope Turnbull

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

"The Sign of the Cross"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

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

FIFTH SUNDAY BUILDING OFFERING

Offertory

“**Blessings**”

setting by O’Neill

What if Your blessings come through raindrops

What if Your healing comes through tears

What if a thousand sleepless nights is what it takes to know You’re near?

What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?



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 “A Declaration of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)”

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**



Hymn #826

"Lift High the Cross"

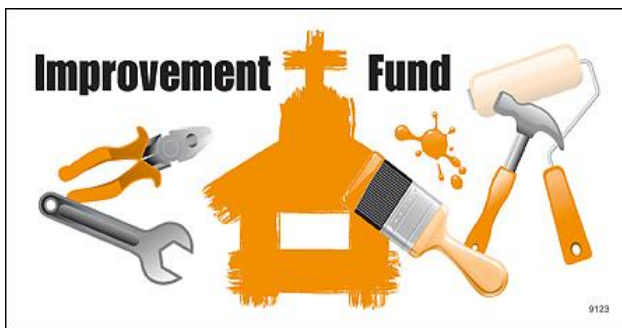
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Benediction

Postlude

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5th Sunday Building Offering August 30, 2020

We will receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, August 30. This offering is used to maintain our church physical plant so we can provide mission and ministry programs for our congregation and community. Thank you for your faithful and generous contributions.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Today** we receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering. This extra offering helps maintain the physical plant that houses the ministries and worship of the Wallace Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your contributions.

* **Bible study** will be offered via Zoom on Monday, August 31 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 2 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Check your email on Monday, August 31 for the Zoom invitations.

* **The Presbyterian Women** will have a Drive Through Pickup this afternoon, from 3:00-4:30 pm, at the portico at the back of new building. This drive through is to pick up your 2020-2021 Horizon Bible Study Books. All sanitizing precautions will be used for your safety. We look forward to seeing you!



Church News