



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 26, 2020

11:00 A.M.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude     **“Christians, We Have Met to Worship”** *setting by Mark Hayes*  
*Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.*  
*Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?*  
*All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.*  
*Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

Welcome and Announcements



Opening Sentences

Elder Dan Robinson

*Leader: How shall we pray to God this day?*

**All: Let our spirits be humble and contrite.**

*Leader: God will take all that we are and help us work for good.*

**All: Even though we struggle and wonder if we are good enough, God sees our abilities and our loving hearts.**

*Leader: Bring your hearts to God this day.*

**All: May God touch our lives with peace and confidence. Amen.**



Hymn #519

**"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"**  
(You Are My All in All)

JERNIGAN

Unison Prayer of Confession

**How shall we praise you, O God? We are so tied up in knots, twisted and bound to the negative. Lord, hear our cries. Help us, O Lord. Bring us to your loving presence. Lord, change our hearts. Help us be fashioned by your love and peace. Guide us and help us be images of your love. Give us hearts for service and witness to your presence and power. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Lord, hear our cries and our prayers . . .**



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



## Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: "So we do not lose heart, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:16a, 18)*

**All: We do not lose heart. God is with us. God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*Leader: Believe the good news:*

**All: In Jesus Christ, our sins 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

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**



Old Testament Lesson

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

Elder Dan Robinson



Hymn #175

**"Seek Ye First"**

LAFFERTY

Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46*

Sermon

**"Two Ways of Looking at Things"**

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

Offertory                      **"This Little Light of Mine"**        *setting by Mark Hayes*  
*This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine. Let it shine.*



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: "Christian Discipleship" from "A Declaration of Faith" of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Christ calls us to be disciples.**

**In forming his people and sending them into the world**

**Jesus called individuals to be disciples.**

**They were to share the joy of his companionship,  
to understand and obey his teachings,  
and to follow him in life and death.**

**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.**

**Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ  
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.**

**It is also God's demand upon every one of us,  
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.**

**Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,  
we strive to become more faithful and effective  
in our daily practice of the Christian life.**



Hymn #340

**"This Is My Song"**

FINLANDIA



Benediction

Postlude



## “Messages from Matthew”

The sermons during July and August will be based on scripture passages from the gospel of Matthew. This schedule is provided so you can read the scripture text as part of your preparation for Sunday worship.

### Sunday

July 26

#### Text

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46

#### Theme

The Parables of the Mustard Seed, Treasure, Pearl, Net

#### Preacher

Philip Gladden

### August 2

Matthew 14:13-21

Feeding the 5000

Philip Gladden

### August 9

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus Walks on Water

Philip Gladden

### August 16

Matthew 15:21-28

Canaanite Woman's Faith

Philip Gladden

### August 23

Matthew 16:13-20

Peter's Declaration

Philip Gladden

### August 30

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus Foretells His Death & Resurrection

Philip Gladden

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **The session** has set Sunday, September 6 as the target date for resuming in-person worship in the sanctuary, following recommended safety and health guidelines. Check the church website, your email, the church newsletter, and the church Facebook page regularly for more information in the coming weeks.

\* **Congratulations** to Myles Teachey and Lauren Clapp who were married on Friday, July 24 at the River Landing Clubhouse. May God bless Myles and Lauren in their marriage.



*The sanctuary flowers today are in loving memory of the Rev. Jim Atwood (minister at Wallace Presbyterian Church from 1959-1964) given by "forever friends."*



Church News