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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

October 18, 2020

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "All Things Bright and Beautiful" *setting by John Rutter*
*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences Elder Curt Simpson
*Leader: Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our own image,
according to our likeness ... "*

All: So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Leader: For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

All: He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

Leader: God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good.

All: To the praise of God's glorious grace. Let us worship God!

Hymn #32 (verses 1 & 3)

ELLACOMBE

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we place our trust in tangible things we can see and touch and question whether you are really there. Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory. Help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong. Lover of justice, open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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



The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

"Humans were created in the image of God. True freedom, then, is not found in moving away from that image but only in living it out."
Augustine, Bishop of Hippo in North Africa (354 - 430 A.D.)

Today's Prayer of Confession is from Ministry Matters, an online worship planning resource.

"To say that I am made in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence, for God is love."

Thomas Merton (American Trappist monk, theologian), from New Seeds of Contemplation

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: When we cry to God, looking for favor in God's sight, God answers: "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

All: In the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus, we are forgiven! We will rest in God's mercy!

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 God, at the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the waters. Send your Spirit to us now to open our hearts and minds to receive the re-creating power of your Word. Through Christ, Amen.

The exact etymology of "spitting image" is uncertain. Some claim it comes from saying "spirit and image" quickly. Who knows? But isn't that interesting in light of Genesis 1:26?

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:26-27

Elder Curt Simpson

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

"The Spitting Image of Your Father" 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.

The
LORD'S
Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

"We are like the penny, because we have the image of the king stamped on us, the divine king."

G.K.

Chesterton,
20th century
British writer
and lay
theologian

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"This Is My Father's World" *setting by Vicki Collinsworth*

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.*

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 Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.))*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image

of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth,

exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet

entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a

covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father

who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Hymn #370 (verses 1 & 2)

"This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

Benediction

Postlude



"For those who he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family."
Romans 8:29

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 18	10:00 am	Zoom Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship (in-person and live-streamed)
Monday, October 19	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, October 20	7:00 pm	Zoom Session Meeting
Wednesday, October 21	10:00 am	Zoom Bible Study

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Please join** the minister for a Bible study via Zoom on either Monday night October 19 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday morning October 21 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. We will talk about Matthew 22:34-46, The Great Commandment. How can we love God and our neighbor in these challenging times? What do you think? Check your email on Monday October 19 for the Zoom invitation.

* **Presbyterians Dining Together (PDT)** will meet Monday, October 19, at Mi Finca (New Mexican Restaurant) at 6:15 pm.

* **The session** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. Please keep our elders and minister in your prayers as they meet.

* **The session** has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 1 for the purpose of electing the 2020 Nominating Committee for ruling elders. Detailed instructions about the virtual meeting will be communicated to the congregation in the weeks to come.

* **From Jack Holley's family**, via his daughter, Jemma Holley Imwalle: "Thank you so much for allowing my family to use the fellowship hall for daddy's memorial blood drive. We love all of you so very much!"



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Alois Mobley's 90th birthday on October 16. They are given by Effie & Glenda Mobley.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

**SPECIAL OFFERING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

We will receive a special offering for PDA today, October 18. You may write a check to Wallace Presbyterian Church and mark it for "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance." Mail your check to P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466 or drop it in the mail slot on the front door of the church office building or in the offering plate during worship. You may also contribute online at www.wallacepresbyterian.com.

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