

Sunday, September 22, 2024
18th Sunday after Pentecost
10: 30AM

JUSTICE & PEACE

The Church of Christ in Every Age 623

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live un - til they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.



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"Radical Servanthood"

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WAREHAM
L.M.

Order of Worship: Sunday, September 15, 2024 17th Sunday after Pentecost

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: "The servant-leader is servant first, it begins with a natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first, as opposed to, wanting power, influence, fame, or wealth." - Robert Greenleaf

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship: Elder Mabel Rogers

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness.

Amen.

Choral Introit: "He Leadeth Me"

* Hymn: "If My People's Hearts Are Humbled" # 574

* Passing the Peace - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ*

Call to Confession:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist the devil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Current Prayer Concerns:

Diane Ayres, Virginia Miller, Billie Jones, Marie McCallister, Thomas Simpson, Chris Hazard, Kent Mitchell, Hudson Day, Margy Kreppel, Amy Etheridge, Bonnie Hancock, Eric Richardson, Samantha Kilgore, Lydia Frasca, Diane Devanna, Larry (Black) Blackwell, Kathy Smith, Larry Steele, Mark Payne, Beth Miller, Pat and Ben Steele, Joey Martin, Robert Wilkins, Bob & Dee Lebo, and Margie Baugher-Cramer.

We will always seek to lift the prayer concerns from our church family and community. Please let us know if someone is in need of prayer by reaching out to Beth LaBrunda at 862-266-6939. Please also let us know when we can remove someone from our list.

Bible Study

Please Note: Our Bible Study on Philippians will be cancelled this Thursday, September 26th. We will resume on Thursday, **October 3rd at 11 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

Congregation Financials as of August 31st, 2024:

- Year-to-date giving/income (\$100,845.92) from giving; remainder from parking, building use, etc.): **\$148,853.79**

- Year-to-date disbursements: **\$110,739.67**

Note: A bookkeeping change was made to charge \$20,166 against Capital Improvement for the new windows installed in the Manse in 2023. Capital Improvement balance now stands at \$89,666.08.

Our next **Rummage Sale** will be held on Saturday, October 12th, 2024 from 7AM—1PM

This will be the last sale until Spring 2025. If you have summer clothing, please save them until after the sale to bring. Help is always needed.

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Wed	Sept 18	Hand Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	Sept 18	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	Sept 20	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Sat	Sept 21	Sligo-by-the-Sea	9:00 AM

Birthdays: *Beth Fisher (9/16)*

Flowers: *Chancel vase flowers are given:*

In loving memory of our son, Chris Rogers and the celebration of his birthday with our Lord and Savior on September 28th. Fun filled memories of Chris keep him alive in our hearts. - Mom and Dad

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Sep	22	Vicky Cairns & Peggy Webster
Sep	29	OCEANS CALLING NO FELLOWSHIP
Oct	6	TBD
Oct	13	Karen Eberle & Mabel Rogers
Oct	20	Beth Fisher & Peggy Webster

WOW - New Officers

Co-Leader	Nancy Wright
Co-Leader	Betsy Kipila
Treasurer	Jan Phillips
Secretary	Barbara Kipila

We are looking for some at large members from the congregation to serve on the Committees of the church chaired by Session members. You cannot currently be a deacon or elder, but you are needed!

The Committees are:

- ◇ Worship
- ◇ Fellowship
- ◇ Building & Maintenance
- ◇ Mission/Evangelism
- ◇ Finances & Investment



The Committees will be meeting once a month. If you feel that you can volunteer your time, and you have a specific interest in one of the Committees, please see Pastor Debbie.

Assurance of Pardon: (responsive)

This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet.

Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*** Gloria Patri:** (unison)

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.

Invitation to the Offering:

In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

Offertory

*** Doxology:** (unison)

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

Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Choral Anthem: "Just As I Am"

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. Amen.

2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 9: 30-37 [NRSV]

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saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "Radical Servanthood"

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* Hymn: "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

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* Affirmation of Faith-The Apostles Creed (unison)

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.

Sharing our Concerns, Joys,

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Following "Lord, in your mercy, Congregation will respond: hear our prayer.

* Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #451

Charge

Benediction (Responsive)

Postlude and Response: "Three-Fold Amen"

Liturgy credit: Dr. Bobby Hulme-Lippert for The Presbyterian Outlook, Ministry Matters, Lectionary Liturgies

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