

The Celebration of Worship

September 6, 2020 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Residents: Rola Al Ashkar
Veronica Gould

Welcome

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Call to Worship

Leader: Before the world had shape and form, God's Spirit moved over the waters.

Congregation: We thank God for being living water.

Leader: Out of the waters of the deep, God formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

Congregation: We thank God for sending us living water.

Leader: All are welcome to draw from the source of living water.

All: We thank you, God, for the gift of creation made known to us in water and word.

Gathering Hymn

"Baptized in Water"

Confession and Assurance of God's Grace (written by Rev. Gord)

Leader: God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink, but we sit and complain that there is not enough water. You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow. But we do not trust enough that the spring is there. You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us. But we believe that the water is limited, not abundant and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.

All: For all the times we turn away from your Water, for all the times we spoil the Water by misusing it, for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink, Forgive us we pray.

Leader: The Water of Life flows with abundance to fill us with hope, to cleanse us of our guilt, to float us to a new life. Washed in the Living Water, we are forgiven and set free to live abundant life.

All: Thanks and praise to God. Amen.

Response to God's Forgiveness

Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Back to School Blessing

Veronica Gould

Hymn of Grace

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-39

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about,

himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:5-10

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Sermon Veronica Gould

Baptism & Welcoming of New Members Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Leader: Do we, the congregation of Parkview Presbyterian Church, bless Irene Uno in her baptism and will we do all that we can to support and strengthen her faith?

People: We do and we will! [Please type your affirmation into the comment section of Facebook Live.]

Leader: Do we, the congregation of Parkview Presbyterian Church, welcome Luda Wright, Michael Wright, and Irene Uno into membership? People: We do! [Please type your affirmation into the comment section of Facebook Live.]

Opportunity To Present Offerings & Doxology

Please enter any prayer requests, joys or concerns, in the comments of the Facebook Live video so we can include you in our prayers.

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Veronica Gould

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rola Al Ashkar

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"We Know that Christ is Raised"

Benediction Veronica Gould

Response: "Shalom"

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

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In Appreciation:

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