

Massanutten Presbyterian Church
A Service for the Lord's Day
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Chiming of the Bells

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Adagio from Choral No. 3

-Franck

Words for Reflection

"To be commanded to love God at all, let alone in the wilderness, is like being commanded to be well when we are sick, to sing for joy when we are dying of thirst, to run when our legs are broken. But this is the first and great commandment nonetheless. Even in the wilderness - especially in the wilderness - you shall love him." - Frederick Buechner

*Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Nancy Davis, Worship Leader

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn

Here in This Place

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*Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,*

*call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

*Call to Confession.

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise** *Just as I Am, without One Plea (v.3)*

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*Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*

Time with the Children

Pastor Ann

We Gather Around God's Word

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:21-24; Mark 6:7-13, 30-37

Sermon

What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus from the Crossroads?

“Worship as Our Compass”

Pastor Keith Phillips

We Respond to God’s Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*responsively*)

Adapted from The Confession of 1967 (9.35-9.37)

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God’s word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord’s Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world’s affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church’s evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church’s fidelity.

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (vv. 1-2)

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*“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.*

*Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.*

*In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”*

*“Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,*

what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure."

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free."

Life at Massanutten

- Today we continue our exploration of the question: *What does it mean to follow Jesus from the Crossroads?* We invite you to join us each Sunday as we consider this through the lens of Scripture. If you miss a Sunday, you can always catch-up on our website in the worship drop-down menu. Today is the fourth of a six part series.

- **Nursery Care** is available today and each Sunday during worship for small children (through age 5). Families are asked to accompany their child to the nursery and pick them up following the service. The nursery is located on the lower level in the preschool wing.
- **Nursery Volunteers Needed!** Volunteers are needed each Sunday morning during the worship hour. Please see Pastor Ann or Hannah to sign up.
- **Remember the Open Doors Food Truck Festival?** *It returns this fall, Saturday, September 17th.* Though September is a couple months away—it's not too early to add the event to your calendar and, even better, volunteer to help out! To see the volunteer opportunities, go to:
<https://opendoorsinc.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=61999>.
- **Presbyterian Women's Potluck Dinner** will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. During our time together we will enjoy re-connecting after the summer break, hearing about plans for this year's Presbyterian Women's program and learn about the 2022-2023 Bible Study: Celebrating Sabbath. Questions can be directed to Jean Gearing or the church office.
- **Mosaic Handbell Ensemble is offering a Beginners Workshop to help "jump start" the ringing season.** The work shop will be held on Saturday, August 27 from 10am-1pm at Harrisonburg Baptist Church. All equipment is provided. No ringing experience needed. Kath Wissinger will be presenting one of the three ringing sessions. See MosaicBells.com for more information. (Youth must be accompanied by an adult, full time.)
- **COVID information:** Masking is optional as long as the CDC reported COVID levels remain in the low (green) or medium (yellow) area. When the level moves to red, masks will be required inside the building. *The Session and COVID Advisory group remind everyone that though masking is optional in certain conditions, our focus on caring for one another remains the foundation of how we gather. Please consider how your choice may affect others around you and respond with an eye toward kindness and welcome.*

This Week At MPC

Sunday, July 31

10:30am Worship

Monday, August 1

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, August 2

Wednesday, August 3

7:30am Men's Prayer Group (FH)

10:30am Staff Meeting (FH)

Thursday, August 4

Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 6 *Church Office Closed*

Sunday, August 7

10:30am Worship

Serving July 31

Greeters: Keith and Linda Knupp

Ushers: Ben Craig and Nick Swartz

Water Pourers: Ben Criag and Nick Swartz

Nursery: Hannah Altman and Beth Smith

Faith Village: *Faith Village will resume in the Fall*

Godly Play: *Godly Play will resume in the Fall*

Middle School Youth: *MS Youth will resume in the Fall*

High School Youth: *HS Youth will resume in the Fall*

Serving August 7

Greeters: Wayne and Marilyn Alley

Ushers: Bill and Sharon Lam

Water Pourers: Bill and Sharon Lam

Nursery: Hannah Altman and Diann Reed

Faith Village: *Faith Village will resume in the Fall*

Godly Play: *Godly Play will resume in the Fall*

Middle School Youth: *MS Youth will resume in the Fall*

High School Youth: *HS Youth will resume in the Fall*

Time to Look Ahead! *Blessing of the Backpacks*

Sunday, August 21st—During Worship

Teachers, Students, Administrators - the whole learning community is invited to
gather around the Baptismal Font
as we pray for and bless the year ahead.

Grab your backpack, briefcase or bag of choice as you head to worship.

Following Worship

Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

You don't have to be heading back to school to participate!
Everyone is invited to a light and fun lunch to connect with
new and long time friends!

Children and Youth Corner

Youth Mission Trip

O.U.R. – Outreach, Understanding, Rejoicing – Hearts is a short-term mission experience for churches and youth groups. Groups are housed in the Craigsville Presbyterian Church, which has full shower facilities.

Throughout the week of July 19-22, our youth and adult chaperones:

- “ Learned about generational poverty and food insecurities
- “ Participated in worship, fellowship, and devotion experience during the week as a group and with a local congregation
- “ Completed service work needed in the community such as preparing lunches for children for ‘Read and Feed’
- “ Spent a full day helping in the food pantry, learning how it supports those who need assistance
- “ Assisted in the delivery of food to shut-ins

This is the first year Massanutten has sent an overnight group to this mission opportunity serving and learning from the Craigsville Community.

Looking Ahead

Plans for fall children and youth programming are moving forward with great joy and excitement. Stay tuned for details about activities and events for families to get on the calendar as the new school year approaches.

*Seeking to nurture and empower our children and youth
to live and serve in the world as loving disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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