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## *World Communion Sunday*

*Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost*  
*October 4, 2020*



### **THE PRELUDE**

Marilyn Seel

### **WELCOME**

Rev. Mike Clark

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE # 361 How Firm a Foundation (Vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to God hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

### **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Mike Clark

**Leader:** Whatever gain I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

**People:** **I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of**

**of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.**

Leader: As the Scriptures promise:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: **This is the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.**

**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Rev. Mike Clark

**Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice.**

**Forgive us, we pray, uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Mike Clark

Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

**THE 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.**

*PSALM 80:7-15*

Ralph Gillespie, Lay Reader

**OUR OFFERINGS**

Ralph Gillespie

**THE DOXOLOGY (UNISON)**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Ralph Gillespie

**We give you thanks and praise, O God, for all your good gifts, and above all, for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior. Strengthen us as we continue to strive for the heavenly prize that you offer: eternal and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** *Philippians 3:4b-14*

Ralph Gillespie

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Mike Clark

**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.**

**Special Music**

**"It is Well with My Soul"**

Karen Diers

**THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 21:33-46*

Rev. Mike Clark

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Mike Clark

**THIS WE BELIEVE (UNISON)**

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

**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.**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (UNISON)

As we have shared communion with one another, may we be restored to wholeness. Strengthened by the broken bread, may we greet each dawn with the resolve to be disciples of justice, that none will remain oppressed. Nourished by the overflowing cup of grace, may we work to feed the hungry, to shelter the homeless and follow Christ in gratitude of his love for us. Amen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mike Clark

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Mike Clark

## POSTLUDE

Marilyn Seel

### Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas 2020

Cane Hill Presbyterian Church, Cane Hill, Arkansas (Established-1828 Members-26)

Active and Retired Christian Educators and Youth Directors



### Cane Hill Presbyterian Church



October 2- Sissy Wells  
October 8- Lou Strong  
October 14- Phil Jordan  
October 23- Nan Jordan  
October 24- Bud Hough  
October 27- Pam Guth



October 12- Mark & Pam Guth  
October 23- Fred & Mari Ruegsegger



**DON'T FORGET TO STOP BY THE CHURCH TO PICK UP YOUR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES AND FILL THEM UP!!**