

The Order for the Worship of God

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2017

Ten o'clock a.m.

Ft. Mott State Park

The Service of Preparation

Silent Preparation

A thankful life is a response to seeing life as a gift from God and realizing that our lives belong to God. God is the Giver; we are thanks-givers. But to recognize the gifts and the Giver we need to be alert and awake; to have our eyes, ears, minds, and hearts open to what is going on around us. We need to savor each moment as though it were a bowl of homemade soup prepared by someone who loves us very much.

Don Postema

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

The Prelude

✦ The Call to Worship (from Psalm 105)

Leader: Give praise to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing of him, sing his praise; tell of all his wonderful acts.

People: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Leader: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced. For he is the Lord our God and he remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations. Come, let us worship our God!

✦ The Hymn of Adoration.....No. 344

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

The Prayers of Adoration and Thanksgiving

The Prayers of Silent Confession and Repentance

The Assurance of Forgiveness

✦ The Gloria Patri No. 622

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.

The Response to God's Work in Our Lives

The Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

✦ Doxology No. 625

*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 Prayer of Dedication

The Hymn of Meditation.....No. 29

Glorify Thy Name

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Ministry of the Word

The Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26-39

The Sermon

"Guaranteed To Finish"

Rev. King

✦ The Hymn of Dedication.....No. 4 (vv. 1, 2)
How Great Thou Art

✦ The Benediction

✦ Congregational Response #380 (chorus) *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily, walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Postlude

✦ Please stand if you are able

Elder/Reader – Erin Owens

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun. 07/30** Worship Service at Fort Mott Park, 10:00 a.m.
Mon. 07/31 City Lights, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tues. 08/01 City Lights, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Women's Services, 5:45-7:45 p.m.
Wed. 08/02 Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m.
City Lights, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thurs. 08/03 City Lights, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Fri. 08/04 City Lights, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 7/30 Angela Grabow
8/02 Mike Eber
8/05 Ann Campbell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

8/2/2014 Richard & Rebecca McAllister

SERMONS FOR THE WEEKS OF SUMMER

- August 6, "A Broken Heart", Romans 9:1-5
August 13, "Beautiful Feet", Romans 10:5-15
August 20 "What About the Old Testaments?", Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
August 27, "Living Sacrifices", Romans 12:1-8

Flower Sponsors Needed August 20th & 27th

If anyone is interested, please see Betty Simpkins or call the church office at 935-2148. The cost is \$15.00. Clearly mark your check "Flowers" and place in with the regular offering.

When taking your flower arrangement from the church, please return the container provided so it can be used the following Sunday. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Charis and Ana Williams, Undergoing treatment for Lyme Disease and related complications.

Peg Ingram, Recovering from Lyme Disease.

Family of Torrey Reade, *(Friend of Noel Kemm)*

First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Continue to pray for the work of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. We are still sorting through resumes presented to us. Please pray that God's candidate will surface in a timely manner and that we will be able to make the call with the assurance that the Lord is directing our choice. Pray for each one of us (Reid, Earl, Chris, Kym, Erin and Wendy) that we will continue to do this work faithfully, committed to the task that you, the congregation, has given us. Pray for John also, giving thanks for his ability to joyfully shepherd this flock while he waits for this interim season to come to a close.

Colton Colican, Recovering from extensive injuries resulting from an auto accident. *(Friend of Lindsey Zieger)*

Ann Eber, 94 years old; prayers for chronic health concerns. *(Mike Eber's mother)*

Mike Smith, Prayers for serious health issues. *(Friend of Keith & Shirley Campbell)*

Harry Springer, Prayers for severe health issues. *(Friend of David Eastlack)*

PLEASE PRAY FOR: (CONTINUED)

Elvena Eastlack, Prayers for severe spinal stenosis. *(Sister-in-law of David & Sharon Eastlack)*

Connie DiArchangelo, Prayers for recent diagnosis of serious health issues. *(Mother of a friend of Reid Willis)*

Linda Stokes, Prayers for serious health issues. *(Friend of Erin Owens.)*

Terry Zieger's sister, Serious health problems.
Robert Parker, Health concerns. (*Friend of David Eastlack*)
Randi Gage, Praise for encouraging test results.
Brandon Bush, (*Friend of Reid Willis*)
Bob Hyatt, (*Friend of Reid Willis*)
Elizabeth Colucci, Prayers for health concerns. (*Carol Ives' niece*)
Rev. Jack & Martha Schilthuis, Prayers for health issues.
Alexander Fiorillo, Diagnosed with a spinal tumor. (*Joe's piano coach*)
Sarah Doyle, Continued prayers. (*Rev. Dwayne & Janet Doyle's daughter*)
Linda Grant, Prayers for serious health concerns and treatment. (*Friend of the Warren/Owens Families*)
Sam Elliot, Continued prayers during cancer treatment. (*Mother works at the Oak Diner in Salem*)
Steve Silagi, Prayers for health concerns and surgery. (*Friend of Betty Simpkins*)
Gene Zieger's father, Prayers for chronic health issues.
Bernie Weber, Prayers for serious health concerns. (*Friend of David & Sharon Eastlack*)
Bill Wilkinson, Receiving treatment for spinal tumor. (*Friend of the Kings*)
Caroline Hickman, Prayers during cancer treatment. (*16 year old daughter of a co-worker of Keith Campbell*)
Father Michael J. Doyle, Diagnosed with mouth cancer. (*Parish Priest of Chris Davenport's coworker*)
Dawn Kimble, Prayers for health issues.
Terry Zieger, Prayers for health concerns.
Robert Pollack, Continued prayers. (*Steve Pollack's brother*)
Donna Bacon, Continued prayers for health issues.
Bob & Maureen McCook, Chronic health issues. (*John King's sister & brother-in-law*)
Carol Lee, Diagnosed with cancer. (*Friend of Sharon Eastlack*)
Amy Ricketts, Continued prayers for health issues.
Galen & Sara Lenhart, Continued prayers. (*Beth Davenport's parents*)
Biba Kavass, Continued prayers. (*Friend of Beth Davenport*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST
Mt. Calvary SDA Salem, NJ

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Ellie Hall - Wycliffe Bible Translator in Thailand
Revs. Dwayne & Janet Doyle - Living in Haddon Heights NJ, and seeking a new call.
Trinity Preparatory School - Matt & Chanda Williams

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS & THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Mark Lindle...U.S. Navy
James Morrison...U.S. Air Force
Jamie Spears...U.S. Navy
Andrew Spears...Delaware Air National Guard
Matthew Kemm, M.D....U.S. Army Medical Corps
Austin Brown...U.S. Air Force

Sermon Notes

I. Guaranteed To Finish

Romans 8:26-39

- A. In these concluding remarks in Chapter 8, in a style that is catechismal, Paul declares his certainty regarding the work of Christ in his life and our lives. This text is full of memorable promises and assurances that are worth memorizing or copying as constant reminders.
1. Verses 26 & 27 – “. . . for we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but . . . the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words . . . because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”
 2. Verse 28 – “We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”
 - a. He does not say that all things are good, but that God will exploit them for God’s good purposes.
 - b. This is an exclusive promise. It is not for everyone, but only for the saints (i.e. the believers), for those who have decisively responded to God’s call on their lives.
 3. Verses 31-34 – A series of rhetorical questions with a triumphant answer. “If God is for us, who is against us? . . . Who is to condemn? . . . Christ Jesus is the one who died, more than that, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”
 4. Verse 35 – The Concluding Question . . . “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?”
 5. Verses 37-39 – The Decisive Answer . . . “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because^[a] the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,^[b] for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be^[c] against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.^[d] ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.