

July 18, 2021

Morning Worship
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Slackwood Presbyterian Church
2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ

9:30 a.m.

GATHER TO WORSHIP

As a consideration to all who seek to worship this morning, please turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.

Bell of Invitation
Welcome & Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

L: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

P: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

L: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

P: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn CWM RHONDDA

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (moment of silent prayer) Amen.

Words of Assurance

Anthem “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
(Prayer of St. Francis)

HEARING OF THE WORD

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 48

A song. A psalm of the Sons of Korah.

¹ Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise,
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

² Beautiful in its loftiness,
the joy of the whole earth,
like the heights of Zaphon^[b] is Mount Zion,
the city of the Great King.

³ God is in her citadels;
he has shown himself to be her fortress.

⁴ When the kings joined forces,
when they advanced together,

⁵ they saw her and were astounded;
they fled in terror.

⁶ Trembling seized them there,
pain like that of a woman in labor.

⁷ You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish
shattered by an east wind.

⁸ As we have heard,
so we have seen
in the city of the LORD Almighty,
in the city of our God:

God makes her secure
forever.^[c]

⁹ Within your temple, O God,
we meditate on your unfailing love.

¹⁰ Like your name, O God,
your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with righteousness.

¹¹ Mount Zion rejoices,
the villages of Judah are glad
because of your judgments.

¹² Walk about Zion, go around her,
count her towers,

¹³ consider well her ramparts,
view her citadels,
that you may tell of them
to the next generation.

¹⁴ For this God is our God for ever and ever;
he will be our guide even to the end.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Ken Buck

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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.

Call for Offering

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn:

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. (*Refrain*)

May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. (*Refrain*)

*Charge and Benediction

DEPART TO SERVE

**Those who are able may stand.*

Christ's Ministers in the World: All members of the church

Parish Associate: The Rev. James Klotz

Director of Music: Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

Director of Family Ministries: Starr Alleyne

Liturgist: Bill Ward

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you will feel very welcome.

Announcements

In accordance with CDC and New Jersey State suggestions, **masks will not be required for those people who are fully vaccinated.** Please respect those people who continue to wear a mask because they choose or need to wear one. Also, please respect those people who prefer to continue physical distancing.

The **Adult Forum** meets each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. The link was sent in the weekly announcements email.

Saturday, July 31 will be a one-day rummage sale outdoors at the church. A lot of help is needed to set up and also on the day of the sale. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance to the worship space. Please sign up and let us know what shifts you can work. No more donations are being accepted of items to be sold at the sale. There are plenty of items already in the shed and the church. Please help by letting others know not to bring items for the sale.

The tickets for next Sunday's Trenton Thunder baseball game have arrived. If you reserved tickets, please see Carol Belles to pick up yours. If you need to write a check for your tickets, please make the check payable to Ginger Baker, who is the person to be reimbursed. The game begins at 6:30 p.m. and there is a \$5 fee for parking. See you at the ballpark.

Those people remembered in the prayers of the people last week are: Michele, Haiti, Surfside Florida, Frank, Penny, Beth, Terry Chatman, Erin, Elizabeth, Bette, Robert, Josephine, Jean, Melissa, Jackie & family, Theresa & her Mom, Jac, Jimmy, Kimmie, Joan, Tonya, Jason, Nancy & John and Barbara

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