

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Jeremiah 18:1-4

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and Jesus turned and said to them, “Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” **Luke 14:27**

I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

Paul’s letter to Philemon

Piano

Kari Edge

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To Our Guests

Glad you’re with us. Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of “fairly traded” coffee or tea with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

BEHOLD! IT IS GOOD

Introit

*The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too
The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too
Deep peace falling over you; God’s peace growing in you.*

Proclamation

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in the one triune God,
Whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Worship

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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Sing the Faith 2050

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

GRACE ABOUNDS

Prayer of Confession

Mothering God, you patiently hold us close in your nurturing arms. But we are restless, fretful and frantic. You shower us with rain, wind and sun. You give us breath and food. But we doubt your goodness and grace. We fear we won’t have enough. Forgive us. Help us to notice, to savor, and to enjoy your abundant gifts. Break open our hearts and let your light shine forth in the way and in the spirit of Jesus.

Silence

Kyrie eleison

*Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.*

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

We will love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength,
And love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah.

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah. Halle-lu-jah, halle-lu-jah

Blessing the World

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

*This little light of mine I’m going let it shine
This little light of mine I’m going let it shine
This little light of mine I’m going let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine let it shine.*

First Pew

Moving Up Ceremony

Parish Life

Interlude

LISTENING TO THE WORD

Reading

Lesson

Letter to Philemon

Sermon

“Being in Prison”

Sing the Faith 2218

“You Are Mine”

SERVING THE WORLD

Prayer for Others

Presenting Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Affirmation

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Acclamation

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This little light of mine...

Charge and Benediction

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Postlude

May God break open my heart so completely that the whole world falls in. **Mother Teresa**

I think there is no suffering greater than what is caused by the doubts of those who want to believe. What people don’t realize is how much religion costs. They think faith is a big electric blanket, when of course it is the cross. It is much harder to believe than not to believe.

Flannery O’Connor

We are part of the whole which we call the universe, but it is an optical delusion of our mind that we think we are separate. This separateness is like a prison for us. Our job is to widen the circle of our compassion so we feel connected with all people and situations. **Albert Einstein**

The practices of goodness--noticing, savoring, thinking, enjoying, and being thankful--are not hard disciplines to learn. But they are disciplines, and they take practice.

Bishop Desmond Tutu

Sermons

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Sunday flowers

sign up in office

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By appointment

Sun 8 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

Tues 10

10:00 a.m. Administrative staff meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir practice

Wed 11

7:00 p.m. Parish Care committee meeting. Fellowship Hall

Thurs 12

3:00 p.m. Connections at the Blue Moon

Sat 14

8:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women's breakfast

Sun 15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; Ps. 14; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
9:25 a.m. Membership Class. Classroom No. 1
9:25 a.m. Sunday Seminar. Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Liturgy of the Word
5:00 p.m. Practicing Silence. Sanctuary

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST meets the second Saturday beginning **Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Share in fun, friendship, & healthy simple food fare. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com and enter Debbie Wise email address. djwise99@gmail.com or contact Debbie for more information.

PRACTICING SILENCE Third Sundays at 5:00 p.m. *For God alone, my soul in silence waits.* Come for a period of silence contemplative prayer. **Next: September 15** in the Sanctuary.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: Five session class itself meets **Sept. 15-Oct 13. Sundays, 9:25 a.m.** Childcare provided for every session.

SUNDAY SEMINAR this fall will begin with an exploration of Parker Palmer's important book *Healing the Heart of Democracy*, an exploration of the "habits of the heart" necessary to sustain public life in a times of bitter conflict. Discussion begins September 15 at 9:25 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of book \$22, (pay what you can). Childcare provided.

LISTENING GROUPS prayerful listening and conversation around scripture, poetry and other selected texts. Led by Ethel Hornbeck. Third Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. in the balcony. Third Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Next: **Wednesday, Sept 18, Thursday, Sept. 19.**

Ordinary Time

23rd Sunday

September 8, 2013

10:45 A.M.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well, why not?
Why not today be the beginning of something new?
What are you waiting for?
Why wait for some flip of the calendar,
some shift of the earth?
The story is not over, nor is it set in stone.
God is still creating, right now.
God is setting free the slaves this very day.
Today is as good as any to make a new beginning,
to turn a corner, to start over.
to do that task you've neglected;
to forgive what needs to be forgiven;
to let go of resentment, bitterness and regret;
to speak to the person you've avoided;
to celebrate what you have been given
and look forward in hope to what will come;
to begin a new way of being;
to be born again.

Today is the day God lets go of your past
and creates you anew.

Today you awaken to the sea parted before you.
This is the day you lay down your shame and fear,
shoulder your hope and start out.

Do not wait.

Today is the beginning of a new journey, a new creation.

May you have a blessed new year,
full of grace, full of light, full of life.

This is the day which the Lord is making.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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