

# **ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020**

## Prelude

### Call to Worship

One: The Lord our God has been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: From everlasting to everlasting God is God, and so we come to worship.**

One: O God, satisfy us every morning with your steadfast love,

**All: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

One: Let us tell of God's glorious power and praise God's holy name.

**All: We offer God the work of our hands and praise from the depths of our hearts.**

**Let us worship God together!**

**\*\*Hymn: Oh for a thousand tongues to sing**

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- 1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of God's grace.**
- 2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
and bids our sorrows cease —  
'tis music in the sinner's ears;  
'tis life and health and peace.**
- 3. He speaks, and listening to his voice  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.**

**4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,  
your tongues again employ;  
you blind, behold your Saviour comes,  
and leap, you lame, for joy.**

**5. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.**

Prayer — The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

**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, for ever and ever. Amen**

### Scripture

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1–2; 15–18

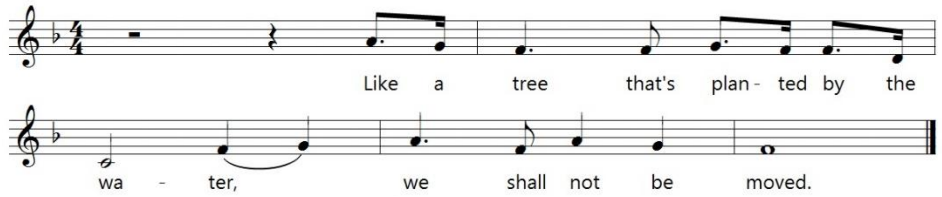
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

## Psalm 1



- 1 Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 **but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on that law they meditate day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither.  
**In all that they do, they prosper.**
- 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 **for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: Matthew 22:34–46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose

son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

**\*\*Hymn: A mighty fortress is our God**

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- 1. A mighty fortress is our God,  
a refuge never failing,  
our helper sure amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe yet seeks to work us woe  
with craft and power great and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth has not an equal.**
- 2. Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not a Saviour on our side,  
the One of God's own choosing.  
Who is this Saviour, who? Christ Jesus, living, true.  
Lord Sabbaoth by name, from age to age the same,  
already wins the battle.**
- 3. And though this world, with evil filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God has willed  
the truth to triumph through us:**

**the powers of death and hell our God will surely quell:  
their rage we can endure, for look! their doom is sure;  
one little word will fell them.**

- 4. That Word above all earthly powers —  
no thanks to them! — abiding,  
ensures that all God's gifts are ours,  
through Christ in us residing,  
whose summons rings above all goods, all earthly love.  
Earth's powers waste away; God 's word endures away,  
whose reign will last forever.**

Sermon: A firm foundation in an uncertain time

Prayer

**\*\*Hymn: How blest are they, who, fearing God**

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- 1. How blest are they, who, fearing God,  
from sin restrain their feet,  
who will not with the wicked stand,  
and shun the scorner's seat.**
- 2. How blest are they who make God's law  
their treasure and delight  
and meditate upon that word  
with gladness day and night.**
- 3. Their lives are nourished like a tree  
set by the river's side;  
its leaf is green; its fruit is sure;  
so all their works abide.**

4. **The wicked, like the driven chaff,  
are blown across the land;  
they shall not gather with the just,  
nor in the judgement stand.**
  
5. **The Lord will guard the righteous well;  
their way to God is known,  
the way of sinners, far from God,  
shall surely be o'erthrown.**

Announcements

Offering

**\*\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow                    830**  
**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.**

Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*Hymn: Word of God, across the ages    497**

1. **Word of God, across the ages  
comes your message to our life,  
source of hope, forever present  
in our toil and fears and strife,  
constant witness to God's mercy,  
still our grace, whate'er befall,  
guide unfailing, strength eternal,  
offered freely to us all.**
  
2. **Story of our wondrous journey  
from the shadows of the night,**

**garnered truth of sage ad prophet,  
guiding forward into light,  
words and deeds of Crist our teacher,  
pointing to the life and way,  
still appealing, still inspiring, in the struggles of today.**

- 3. In the tongues of all the peoples  
may the message bless and heal  
as devout and patient scholars  
more and more its depths reveal.  
Bless, O God, to wise and simple,  
all your truth of ageless worth,  
till all lands receive the witness  
and your knowledge fills the earth.**

Benediction

Postlude

**Our thanks to Pastor Dan Chook Reid,  
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and soloist Sharon Haidenger**

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