

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Voluntary in C

Henry Purcell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 122

Liturgist: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

People: Let us give thanks to the name of the LORD.

Liturgist: I pray for the peace of Jerusalem, "May they prosper, who love you.

People: Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

Liturgist: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

People: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

*HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

No. 160

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Heavenly Father, we rejoice that we can come into your house today and worship you with those who love you, too. Thank you for inspiring and leading your people to establish your house here in this place. We pray that all who worship here might experience your love, grace, mercy and forgiveness. We pray for your people all the world over, and we pray that they might prosper along with us as we serve you and others. May everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior find and experience peace with God, others, and themselves. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r, and love. Our God is an awesome God.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Unison:

We believe in God, who is love, and whose love is manifest in all creation, in our lives, and in all people.

We follow Christ, who embodied God's love. In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection, and in his granting to us of his Spirit, he filled us with that love as well.

We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In that love we participate in the Church, the Body of Christ, by loving our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.

Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God. We thank God, and ask God's blessings, that we may love in the name of Christ and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Love Grows Here

Don Besig

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 6:12-18, 20-24a

MESSAGE

"Names of God: Yahweh Shalom"

Pastor Janet Sattel

*HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

No. 534

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **God of Shalom, we ask ourselves, are we living in peace or are our hearts restless? We admit that we are agitated, disturbed and fearful, and do not have your shalom. And why is that? Because we as humans too easily forget your promises. We see what's going on around us and we think you have abandoned us. Fear crowds out the truth in our lives. We confess that we fail to remind ourselves of your greatness, and we forget that praise and worship are important. We need to remind ourselves that we serve a great God - Yahweh Shalom - "the Lord is Peace."**

Pastor: The good news is that peace displaces fear. Peace drives out fear. Amen.

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response

Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

St. Catherine Rigaudon

John Barrett

*Congregational Response *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* (vs 4)

*Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One.
One in might, and One in glory, While unending ages run.*

*HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

No. 133

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Shalom. Receive the peace of Christ so that you may have soundness of mind
and know the wholeness of becoming all that God has created you to be.

People: Shalom. The Lord is Peace. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Shalom to You

No. 666

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Robert Lau

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Celebration of Faith



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Sermon Outline:

Calendar for Week of 10/8/2023

"The Names of God: Yahweh Shalom - The Lord is Peace"
Judges 6:12-18, 20-24a; Philippians 4:4-7 New International Version

The Hebrew root word Shalom has various meanings, which in addition to peace are: "wellness", "whole-ness", "perfection", or "fulfilled." It can mean "safe", "complete", "to be well or sound." Shalom is the result of living in harmony with God.

God sees Gideon as all that he can be when the presence of Yahweh Shalom is with him.

When God speaks peace, God is imparting his peace on Gideon - he goes from timid coward, to valiant hero. Gideon is now in a right relationship with God and because of this, he has been made whole.

When God looks at us he sees us in our full potential - all that God has created us to be. God longs for us to be whole, to be well, to have that full relationship with him. When we are in that state of a positive relationship with Yahweh Shalom, then we can fully embrace his deep and rich love for us, his goodness and his grace.

Peace drives out fear.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. We need Yahweh Shalom - we are broken - each and every one of us. Sin is what breaks us and breaks our fellowship with our Creator, and fear of punishment drives us away from God. And this is why there is only one way to heal that wound, the deep wound of sin. His name is Jesus.

Jesus became the source of peace for all of humanity when he took our place on the cross. Jesus the Messiah is Shalom. We do not need to ask for peace, we only need receive Jesus, who is peace. Through Jesus we are restored to wholeness of life and we have peace with God.

Through the storms of life, we have peace in Christ. This is the peace that passes all understanding. Yahweh Shalom gives us joy even in the midst of sorrow, and stability in a turbulent world.

Wholeness of being comes from a restored relationship with God through Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

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SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
9:45 - Sunday School
9:45 - Christianity, Cults...[Lounge]
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
11:00 - COGS Kids pageant practice [WC]
11:00 - Reckless Love [rm 23]
11:30 - Celebration for Alice
Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting [Lounge]
5:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]
5:00 - Private [Sanctuary]
7:00 - Church Council [Lounge]

TUESDAY

6:30 - Disciple study [Hall]
6:30 - Flourishing study [gather area/lounge]

WEDNESDAY

9:00 - MOMS Group [rms 200 & 202]
6:00 - Celebrate Recovery
7:00 - Traditional Choir [Sanctuary]

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team [COGS LOUNGE]
5:30 - Traditional Design Team [Choir Room]
6:00 - Young Adult Group [Hall]

FRIDAY

5:00 - ReCOGSnected Family Camp [Gretna Glen Camp]

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