



Welcome

Order of Worship

August 2, 2020

10:00 a.m. Service

*During this time of social distancing, we ask that all singing and responsive reading be done from behind a mask.
Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe during the pandemic.*

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth

Kocher

Introit

O Worship the King

Haydn/Grant

Call to Worship

***Hymn #138**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Have mercy on us, Jesus. Our lives have been disrupted by our own desires and evil exploits. We are anguished by our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said, undo what we have done, or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away, assuming we are strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet, the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns us to your presence, and hunts for your mercy. Forgive us, Lord, and hear now our silent prayers of personal confession.

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*Congregational Response

Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

Pachelbel

*Hymn #592

The Doxology

*Prayer of Commitment and the Lord's Prayer

Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine and more blessings than we deserve. Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you, that your mercy may be multiplied and that your blessings may embrace all those in need. We pray all these things in the name of the one who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

*Choral Response

Anthem

Glory to the King! Sing Hosanna

Handel/Liebergen

Scripture Reading

Psalm 133

¹How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

²It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. ³It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Hymn #366

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1. Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone, I'd live, myself to Thee entirely give.
2. O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
O may Thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.
3. O Love, how gracious is Thy way! All fear before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away, where'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:10-28

¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. ¹¹ What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

¹² Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

¹³ He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴ Leave them; they are blind guides. ¹⁵ If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

¹⁵ Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

¹⁶ "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. ¹⁷ "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? ¹⁸ But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁷ "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Sermon

Rev. Kristi Blankman

*Prayers of the People

*Hymn

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

1. All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who thro' life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

2. All the way my Savior leads me; cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living bread;
Tho' my weary steps may falter, and my soul a-thirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me, lo! a spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the Rock before me, lo! a spring of joy I see.

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

3. All the way my Savior leads me; oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above;
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song thro' endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;
This my song thro' endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.

*Postlude

Grand Choeur

Rousseau

*Please stand if able.

Please Welcome Guest Speaker, Rev. Kristi Click Blankman



Rev. Kristi Click Blankman is a native of Dallas, TX. When high school graduation rolled around, her love of the Texas hill country and Presbyterian upbringing took her to Schreiner University in Kerrville where she double majored in Psychology and Religion. In the fall of 2009, Kristi began her studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. During that time, she took a year off to serve in the highlands of Guatemala as a Young Adult Volunteer (a PCUSA program through Presbyterian World Mission). While in Guatemala, Kristi applied to The University of Texas for a Masters of Science in Social Work. When she returned stateside in the fall of 2012, she began her studies there concurrently with her Divinity degree. Kristi graduated in May of 2014 with her MDiv and MSSW. From there, she served as Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Mission at Spring Branch Presbyterian church from July 2014 to 2017 and feels that her call is to empower individuals to proclaim the Good News of Christ and equip the Church for concern and service to the life of the human community. Kristi joined the staff at Presbytery of New Covenant as Coordinator of Youth Ministries in 2017. This August, Kristi will celebrate five years of marriage with her husband Wes. They have a young daughter, Ava, and live in Magnolia. In her spare time, when Kristi's not at the beck and call of Ava or wrangling teenagers, she enjoys running, reading, cooking, and playing with her two yellow labs.

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