Holly Presbyterian Church 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 10, 2021

Welcome - We extend a warm welcome to anyone coming here for the first time. *Greeting and Pennies from Heaven* - A voluntary small change offering for new building projects. Basket is on the table by the AV desk.

Announcements At this time there will be a moment for sharing announcements.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Lord, open unto us

Open unto us-

light for our darkness.

Open unto us-

Courage for our fear.

Open unto us-

hope for our despair.

Open unto us-

peace for our turmoil.

Open unto us-

joy for our sorrow.

Open unto us-

strength for our weakness.

Open unto us-

wisdom for our confusion.

Open unto us-

forgiveness for our sins.

Open unto us-

love for our hates.

Open unto us-

thy Self for my self. Lord, Lord, open unto us!

*Prayer of Confession

We bring before God our sins.

For when we have ignored your presence and love, living anxiously or fearfully, we ask for your forgiveness.

For when we have chosen to speak harmful words or not speak at all when support and encouragement were needed, we ask for your forgiveness. For when we have turned away from loving our neighbor or the stranger, we ask for your forgiveness.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Come as a Child

(We set apart this time specifically for children as we reflect upon the words of scripture for the day. There is no need to move from where you are, unless you find it helpful to come closer. Adults, too, are invited to listen as a child might and to participate.)

First Reading

Psalm 22:1-15

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 473-474

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Pew Bible (OT) Pg. 446 & 447

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Sermon

The Rev. Brooke Pickrell

"God of The Sparrow" Hymn 272

> (While still in the midst of the pandemic, we will be listening only and not singing. However, follow the words along with the music if you are so moved.)

Prayers of the People

Let us offer our prayers to God who is close at hand.

We pray for those who are suffering throughout your world because of natural disasters, war, violence, poverty, or oppression. For these people, we pray now, [especially...]:

We pray for those experiencing the disorienting effects of job loss or unemployment, separation in relationships, unexpected transitions, or those feeling hopeless. For these people, we pray now, [especially...]: (Prayers for this petition in silence.)

We pray for those in leadership positions, that they would be guided by compassion above all else. For these people, we pray now, [especially...]:

We pray for families, that they would be guided by compassion above all else. For families, we pray now, [especially...]: (Prayers for this petition in silence.)

We pray for those experiencing illness in body or mind, and we pray for caretakers, [especially...]:

We pray for all of those whom we hold close, in their joys and in their pain, may they know your closeness. We pray especially for:

God of compassion, may your closeness be known to us this day, and in this knowledge, may we be drawn closer to your world and all of its people.

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.

*Invitation to the Offering

*Prayer of Dedication

*Charge

*Blessing

Postlude (Working together to help maintain safety during this time of Covid, please exit the sanctuary quietly during the Postlude.)

• The Call to Worship is from (adapted from a prayer written by Howard Thurman) Serving in the celebration of worship this week:

A/V Setup: Karen Haneline, Sound/Camcorder Operator: Randy Cook

Finance Team

Weekly Summary	Average budgeted needs	Income received	Attendance	
October 3rd	\$2,268.01	\$1,875.00	23	

From the Care Team

Prayers of Joy

- For the marriage of Brian Lyles and Annie Kraemer on August 28, 2021 *Prayers of Comfort ...*
 - For the family and friends of Cristy Banks, Josh Banks' mother, who passed away on

September 19 to the Greater Life.

Prayers of Concern ...

- For those who are suffering from natural and man-made disasters.
- For all those sickened and threatened by the COVID-19 virus here in the United States and around the world.
- For healing, strength, comfort and peace for: Betty Striggow (Penny Schettling's mother) who is recovering from hip surgery; Debbie Mikolowski (Penny Schettling's sister), who is battling cancer and having a difficult time; Julie Schram's mother-in-law who is in the hospital with Covid-19; George Dzahristos (a friend of Randy Cook's) who has suffered an aneurysm in his brain issues; Mary Renico who has been undergoing wound treatment; Melinda (Elizabeth Kici's daughter), who was diagnosed with breast cancer and is undergoing treatment; Sherry McLaughlin testing for numbness in hands; Jim Pelton, who has Lewy Body Dementia and in decline; Diana (friend of Cathie Killewald) who is facing health issues with her lungs and continues with medical tests; Mandie Bank's mom, Laura, who will eventually have to have surgery to repair discs in her back or have a stimulator placed in her back for pain; Mandie Banks who has started back on lupus treatment; Jim Killewald (Bob & Cathie's son) who has a lot of pain; ongoing prayers for Hadleigh Banks, Keaton Banks who still is having kidney issues and has started medication; Fran Olson and Terry & Julie Parish.
- For our members who are home bound, or in care facilities.
- For those serving, or who have served, in our military.
- For our country, its leaders and for world peace in a troubled time;
- For all the churches in our Presbytery that are in transition.
- And for our church during these difficult times.



Come to church and get a mask with our logo. Spread the word, not the germs.



Donations are needed for candy on Halloween. We will be collecting until October 24th. Thank you for your support.

Recent Disasters

If you are interested in supporting help for those in Hurricane Ida and/or Earthquake Haiti, please see the enclosed. You may also make your check out to HPC and put a note where and how much you want to go to each.