

WELCOME TO

Greenhills Community Church,
Presbyterian

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August 29, 2021
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Transitional Pastor: Rev. Chris White

Guest Preacher: Rev. Michael Brewer

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[* At this sign, please rise in body or in spirit; **bold** indicates congregation's responses.]

Welcome, Announcements, and Invitation

Liturgist: Dot Keith

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Who may abide in the presence of God?

Who may live on God's holy mountain?

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

All those who speak truth from their heart.

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you have shown us the truth of your commandments. Give us sincere hearts that we may serve you with joy, obey you with love, and manifest your wisdom to the world; through Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn #32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBA

Call to Reconciliation

With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins before God and the world, trusting in God's mercy to forgive.

Prayer of Confession

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness.

We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth.

We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness.

Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, do not despair: God renews us by the word of truth, that we might become the first fruits of God's creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Response #698**

Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

The Peace

May God's shalom be reflected in each of our lives. The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, by the power of your Spirit open our hearts and minds to receive your Word that we not forget the wonders you have done nor neglect to make them known to our children, nor fail to tell them to the world. Amen.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

NRSV OT, p. 160

Musical Offering

Let Speeches Fall Silent
Greenhills Strings

Tice/Bringle/Rowan/Sanders

Second Lesson

James 1:17-27

NRSV NT, p. 229

Sermon

Mirror, Mirror

Rev. Michael Brewer

***Hymn # 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

We Present Our Tithes and Offerings/ Giving Thanks to God

Invitation

Let us give as God has so abundantly given to us.

Offertory

*Response #708 We Give Thee But Thine Own (v. 1)

SCHUMANN

*Prayer of Dedication

O God, receive our gifts for the work of your church. With these gifts we dedicate ourselves to live in the truth of your word, and follow your commandments with sincere hearts; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

The congregation shares aloud their prayer concerns.

Prayers of the People

The 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.**

***Hymn #694**

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Sources: *Feasting on the Word*

Participants: Pastor: Rev. Chris White

Guest Preacher: Rev. Michael Brewer

Music Director: Brad Caldwell

Greeter: Helen Ferguson

Counters: Bob Sanders & Jim Hadley

Liturgist: Dot Keith

Guest Pianist: Theo Baldwin

Ushers: Phil Haisley Sound: Jim Hadley

Zoom Host: Vince Green

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Michael Brewer to the pulpit this morning. He is retired from active ministry after 28 years at Crescent Springs Presbyterian and 13 years at Blue Ash Presbyterian. He is a storyteller, backyard gardener, avid reader, traveler, and Scrabble player. God has blessed him richly with two daughters, two granddaughters, and one wife!

Tai Chi comes to GCCP! We will be offering Tai Chi classes twice a month starting September 15. Watch for more details!

If you have any announcements to be made, please send them to the church office by Wednesday, 10 a.m. so they can be included in the bulletin.

SPECIAL DATES

Sept. 5 - We will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Pastor Chris will preach, using Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9, 22-23 and James 2:1-17. Her sermon is entitled "A Faith That Works."

Sept. 12 - **Fellowship Time** after Worship begins.

Sept. 12 - **Adult Education** begins also. The first meeting will be a "Town Hall" in the Fellowship Hall. This is a chance to learn about what's happening at GCCP, ask questions, and offer input.

Sept. 15 - Tai Chi classes begin.