

**Greenhills Community
Church, Presbyterian**
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24th Sunday After Pentecost
November 20, 2022, 10:00 am
Guest Speaker
Karen Cartier, REPI

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

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist: Phil Haisley

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

We are the inheritors of the promises made long ago to our ancestors.

Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

From across the street, from halfway around the world, God brings us home to the heart of grace.

Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

Scoffers and singers, watchers, and wigglers, we are those redeemed by God.

***Hymn # 336**

We Gather Together

KREMSER

Call to Reconciliation

We do not confess our sins in the *hope* of forgiveness; we confess our sins with the *certainty* of forgiveness. For the apostle Paul assures us that we have been rescued from the power of darkness, and transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. And so, with that promise, that assurance, that redemption we confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

(Silence is kept.)

Assurance of Pardon

All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

***Response**

Glory Be to the Father

Avery & Marsh

[Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.]

The Peace

Because of God's mercy, we can live in peace with God and with each other. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, through the generations you have spoken to us. You have sent voices crying out in the wilderness. You have sent the words of an overjoyed new father and an expectant mother. You have sent the assurance of a condemned man on a cross. Quiet in us any voice but your own that, by the power of your Spirit, we might hear the words you speak to us today. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 46

NRSV OT, p. 517

Musical Offering

Gospel Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

NRSV NT, p. 200

Sermon

Karen Cartier

[remain seated]

Hymn # 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

We Present Our Tithes and Offerings

(Prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.)

Invitation

The blessed apostle Paul sings praises of our Lord Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation; in whom all things in heaven and on earth were created. Let us affirm God's sovereignty over all creation, continuing our worship through the offering of our gifts to the Lord.

Offertory

***Doxology**

Avery & Marsh

[Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.]

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. And so, we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. **Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Loving God, you have assured us that the days are surely coming when your people will know peace, your people will know justice, your people will know righteousness. Confident in your promises, we proclaim with faith: The Lord is our righteousness.

You have assured us that a leader will come to rule with wisdom. We pray this day for those in particular need of justice, righteousness, and mercy. We pray for the trampled, the ignored, the brushed aside. We pray for the home-less, the love-less, and the health-less. In particular this day, we pray for . . .

And we pray for all those we have not mentioned aloud but hold in our hearts.

[time for silent prayer]

We pray for leaders in governments, homes, communities, and schools, that they may know the influence of wisdom rather than power; and declare with faith:

The Lord is our righteousness.

You have assured us of the salvation and safety of your people. We pray this day for those who only know violence: those whose countries, such as Ukraine and Cambodia, have been torn apart by invasion, civil war, and private armies, those whose communities have been forgotten by all but the warlords and gangs, those whose homes are places of danger and fear rather than sanctuary and love. May they declare with certitude:

The Lord is our righteousness.

God of all creation we pray this day for the reign of Jesus the Christ. We pray that in the midst of chaos we might hear Jesus' word to us; that in the midst of heartache we might know Jesus' presence, and in the midst of a cacophony of voices we might proclaim: **The Lord is our righteousness. Amen.**

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 # 367**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***Charge**

Go out into the world in peace, declaring Christ the king and ruler over all creation. Go out into the world with courage, supporting the ways he gives light to those who sit in darkness and guides our feet in the way of peace.

***Benediction**

Reverend Richard Halverson

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in you being there. Christ, who dwells in you, has something he wants to do through you, where you are.

Believe this. And go in God's grace, and love, and power. Amen.

Postlude

(Please be seated to enjoy the Postlude.)

Sources:

Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.; *Bearers of Grace and Justice*, by Thom M. Shuman

Participants:

Guest Speaker: Karen Cartier, REPI

Liturgist: Phil Haisley

Music Director: Brad Caldwell

Ushers: Lee & Bob Sanders

Sound: Cliff Kizuka, Jim Hadley

Greeter: Bobbe Kugele

Zoom Hosts: Vince Greene, Jim H.

Counters: Phil Haisley, Paul Odegard

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

TODAY

Fellowship time downstairs after the service, followed by *Coffee, Conversations, and Christianity at 11:30*. Lee Sanders will lead us in “Holy Disruption”—a look at Advent through the lens of the Gospel of Mark

Be sure to sign up for the **December 11 potluck**—the list for your choice of dish will be in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 21

– AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 209

Tuesday, November 22

– Square Dance Class, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 23

- Support group, 6:30-7:30, Room 204 (contact Dr. Stephen Benoit for info: call at 513-909-4242 or message at Stephenbenoit@outlook.com)
- AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 209
- Al-Anon, 7:00 p.m., Room 210
- Square Dancing, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 24—Thanksgiving Day

--Office will be closed

Friday, November 25

– AA Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Room 209

Saturday, November 26

– Pro Bono Counseling, 11:00 – 1:00, Room 204 (see contact info above)