

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
June 14, 2020

While in-person Worship services are suspended, Montgomery Presbyterian Church will be recording services. The following is an order of service that you can use to follow along with the recorded service, or use to read and reflect on your own. The service will be posted on the church's Facebook page and You Tube. An email will be sent with links to the recorded service and the link will also appear on the church's website, www.mpchurch.net. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this challenging time.

Prelude

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Romans 12:1-2,9-10,13-14,16-21

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Opening Prayer

O God, you created all people in your image. Grant that your Holy Spirit may move every heart, crumbling barriers, driving out suspicion and hate. Show us your presence in everyone we meet, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children, for all your creation. Amen.

First Reading

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Freely you have received; freely give.

¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. ¹² As you enter the home, give it your greeting. ¹³ If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.

¹⁶ "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

*Through this world of toils and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Second Reading*Psalm 116*

- ¹ I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.
- ² Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³ The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“LORD, save me!”
- ⁵ The LORD is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
- ⁶ The LORD protects the unwary;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ Return to your rest, my soul,
for the LORD has been good to you.
- ⁸ For you, LORD, have delivered me from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling,
- ⁹ that I may walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.
- ¹⁰ I trusted in the LORD when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;
- ¹¹ in my alarm I said,
“Everyone is a liar.”

¹² What shall I return to the LORD
for all his goodness to me?
¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.
¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful servants.
¹⁶ Truly I am your servant, LORD;
I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.
¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the LORD.
¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD—
in your midst, Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD.

The grass withers and the flower fades,
But the word of our God endures forever.

Thanks be to God!

Message

Burdens

Elder Beth Doebereiner

Prayers for the People

God of all creation,

Hear us as we pray for all you create

You have created us in your image.

Let us remember this in love.

You tell us to love one another.

Let us love neighbor as friend and enemy as neighbor.

Remind us to speak kindly,

As the thoughts of our hearts become the words of our mouths.

We pray for caregivers,

Mothers, fathers, grandparents, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, neighbors.

We pray for first responders,

Medical, military, police and fire

We pray for those who provide food,

Farmer, trucker, grocery worker and restaurant worker

We pray for those who serve,

Churches, foodbanks, teachers and volunteers

We pray that those who thirst

Receive the water of life

We pray that those who hunger

Receive the bread of heaven

We pray that those who are burdened

Find rest in the gentleness of Christ

We pray that those who are anxious

Find peace that comes with reliance on God

We pray that those who despair

Find the joy that comes from life in God

With confidence that you hear our prayers,

We offer ourselves to you.

Here I am, Lord.

And now with the words Jesus taught us to say when we pray:

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.

Blessing and Charge

William Bright

Loving God,
you want us to give thanks for all things,
to fear nothing except losing you,
and to lay all our cares on you,
knowing that you care for us.
Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties,
and grant that no clouds in this mortal life
may hide from us the light of your immortal love
shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postlude

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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