

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
August 2, 2020
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. It will be posted on either the church's Facebook page and/or the website, www.mpchurch.net. Please check Facebook, the website and emails the church for links to the recorded service. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this challenging time.

PRELUDE *His Only Son*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 3:12-14

As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

HYMN *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken
By the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven,
Was their food forever more.
By your body broken for us,
By your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people,
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken
In a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us,
By your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people,
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*Loaves are broken, words are spoken
As in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
"I am with you, do not fear!"
By your body broken for us,
By your wine of life outpoured,*

*Jesus, feed again your people,
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

*By the loaves you break and give us,
Send us in your name to share
Bread for which the millions hunger,
Words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us,
By your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people,
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.*

PRAYER

O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

In Remembrance of Me

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The grass withers and the flower fades,

But the word of our God endures forever.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Daniel Watson

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

BREAKING OF BREAD AND PREPARATION OF THE CUP

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

May we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

And the People say: **AMEN**

POSTLUDE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing