

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 28, 2020

The Twelfth 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. **Please join in the hymn and the responses!** 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

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Welcome and Announcements

- Elder of the Month: Rick Parrish, 543-4995
- Deacon of the Month: Sue Poulos, 376-1623

Call to Worship[†]

The enemy:

love them

The oppressor:

walk the mile with them

The Master:

turn the other cheek to them

This loving faith seems too much to bear in a world where those who bully always seem to win

The enemy:

imbalance them with love

The oppressor:

shame the law that oppresses

The Master:

turn the cheek as an equal

This rebellious faith seems too much to bear in a world where those who bully are loved back to justice by the bullied. But this is heaven's revolution and we are called into it come let us worship love's rebel, Jesus Christ

Hymn

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

Call to Reconciliation

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is merciful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your righteousness we may discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

Special Music

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Second Reading

Romans 6: 10: 12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become **slaves of righteousness**. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as **slaves to righteousness** for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Thanks be to God!

Message Slaves to Righteousness

Elder Susie Lewis

Affirmation of Faith

From the Belhar Confession

We believe

- **that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and**

strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;
- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world;
- that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;
- That the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation hatred and enmity;

Therefore, we reject any doctrine which, in such a situation, sanctions in the name of the gospel or the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.”

Amen.

Prayers of the People

... And now hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 the God of glory, the Lord of life, and the Spirit of truth be with you all.

Amen.

God has shown you what is righteous

What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Amen.

Postlude

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me