*Welcome To Hillcrest Presbyterian Church*

*A Service For The Worship Of God*

September 3, 2017

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.

**Hymn Sing (3 hymns of your choosing)**

***A Word of Welcome and Announcements***

**Affirmation Of Faith** (in unison) THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by

the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he

rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the

right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to

judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the

communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the

body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn #467 How Great Thou Art**

**#559 We Gather Together**

**Call To Confession**

Leader: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Together, let us ask God to forgive our sin.

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things.**

**Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need.**

**Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers.**

**Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation.**

**Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,**

(Silent Confession) — In Christ’s name we pray. **Amen**.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. So we must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God**

\***Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was***

***in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

***Passing The Peace Of Christ***

*Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ*

*The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

***People: And Also With You.***

*Leader: Let us turn and greet one another*

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn #100 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross**

**#293 This Is My Father’s World**

**Minute for Mission**  PDA Buckets

**Prayers Of The People and Lord’s Prayer**

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in you mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Steadfast God, your love and faithfulness are with us always.

**People: We give thanks that with you there is no end to our hope.**

Leader: By your power, all exiles will come to an end; all things will be restored.

**People: Therefore we pray with confidence to you who are above all things, knowing that you take notice of those who are bent low; that your strong arm takes hold of those who are in the midst of trouble.**

Leader: To anyone in despair, send your deliverance swiftly.

**People: For those longing for home, return them, we pray, to a place of safety and love.**

Leader: For anyone estranged from another, we pray that reconciliation may be accomplished or that an ending may become the pathway to a new beginning.

**People: Loving God, you promise comfort to the one in sorrow and help to the one in trouble.**

Leader: Lift us all up so we can see your salvation. Isa. Help us and help the nations to learn your justice and to practice it.

**People: Silence the deafening drumbeat of war so we may learn a song of thanksgiving.**

Leader: Before the world wears out like a garment, before we turn your Eden into a waste place, correct our habits.

**People: We desire to be better caretakers of the garden of the Lord. We thank you for the gift of the** **church and for the varied gifts and perspectives you place among us.**

Leader: Help us to welcome the diversity of your design in ways that enlarge our witness in the world.

**People: We thank you especially for Jesus Christ, who has called us to be his body in the world, and we pray all things in his name who taught us to pray, saying…**

***Lord’s Prayer* (in unison)**

**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.**

**Prayer Response** Hymn #325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,

And make this house your home;

Descend with all your gracious powers;

O come, great Spirit, come!

**Offering** (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Special Music** Larry Throne

**Scripture Matthew 16:21-28**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**Hymn #513 Let Us Break Bread Together**

**Holy Communion**

Those who proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to participate in this the Lord’s Supper

**Hymn #525 Here I Am, Lord**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response**

May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.

May the grace of God shine down upon us, down upon us, and everyone we know.

This is our prayer as we leave this place with our hearts full of love and grace.

May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.

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\*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand

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