



LABORERS in the
VINEYARD

MATTHEW 20:1-16

Welcome To Hillcrest Presbyterian Church

A Service For The Worship Of God

September 24, 2017

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

***Opening Hymn #467**

How Great Thou Art

A Word of Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

Psalm 105:1-6

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

People: Give thanks to the Lord. The works of the Lord are great.

Remember what God has done.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord. God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

People: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

Unison: Let us celebrate God's love together.

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Generous God, you come to us again and again,
no matter how late it is in the day
or in our lives.

Calling to us, gathering us in,
you give us your good work to do,
daily bread, and boundless grace.

Increase in us a generous spirit
so that we may do your work with joy
alongside others whom you also love.

We celebrate your salvation not only in our lives,
but also in the lives of other people,
even those we had not imagined; would be included in the kingdom you are
bringing.

Align us with your ways
and help us receive your gift of justice and mercy as good news.
In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn: Here I Am To Worship

Maranatha! Music

Light of the world,
You step down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore
you
Hope of a life spent with you

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you
created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

So Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that you're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross
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Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
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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)

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray.

(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: 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

see last page

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.

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.

Choir

And The Church Shall Rise

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay the normal daily wage and sent them out to work.

“At nine o’clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace and saw some people standing around doing nothing. So he hired them, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day. So they went to work in the vineyard. At noon and again at three o’clock he did the same thing.

“At five o’clock that afternoon he was in town again and saw some more people standing around. He asked them, ‘Why haven’t you been working today?’

“They replied, ‘Because no one hired us.’

“The landowner told them, ‘Then go out and join the others in my vineyard.’

“That evening he told the foreman to call the workers in and pay them, beginning with the last workers first. When those hired at five o’clock were paid, each received a full day’s wage. When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day’s wage. When they received their pay, they protested to the owner, ‘Those people worked only one hour, and yet you’ve paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat.’

“He answered one of them, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair! Didn’t you agree to work all day for the usual wage? Take your money and go. I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?’

“So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last.”

Sermon

Rev. Jack Cormack

Hymn: I Can Only Imagine

MercyMe

I can only imagine what it will be like
When I walk, by your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will see
When you face is before me
I can only imagine
Yeah

Surrounded by You glory
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you Jesus
Or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in your presence
Or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah

Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine
I can only imagine
I can only imagine when that day
comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine when all I will do
is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine, yeah
I can only imagine

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You, Jesus
Or in awe of you be still?
Will I stand in your presence
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***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.

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

Rev. Jack Cormack
Jennifer McCullough
Jo Lynne Palmerton

Pastor
Director of Music
Pianist

Liturgist
Cathy Miller

Ushers
Fred & Rae Jean Palmerton
Leonard & Joanne Throne

Fellowship Hosts
The Hutchins Family

In Our Prayers
Our homebound: Harold Hiser, Gusta Zweerink, Wayne & Gladys Zweerink,

Vi Brightwell's son Mike had a hunting accident last week. He received several injuries and had to have surgery. .



Congratulations to Alex & Kayla Miller on the birth of their daughter Samantha Everly. She was born September 18.

Celebrating a Birthday
Jason Hill, September 24

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Choir 7:00pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Meals on Wheels, Barbara Garten & Nancy Hackett
Administration, 5:30pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1
World Communion Sunday
Peace & Global Witness offering

Van Driver: Jeremy Heslin
Nursery: Cindy Covey
Sound: Brian Hill
Building Monitor: Dianne Hutchins

Ongoing Missions:

Food Pantry
Meals on Wheels
Rare Breed meals
Ronald McDonald House meals

Food Pantry Needs

Cereal
Gravy Mix
Peanut Butter



PDA is there to help.

The supply of PDA buckets is low and we need to help put some together. Now through October we will be collecting the supplies needed for these buckets. The

list of supplies is in the Narthex. Please do not stray from this list! Please bring what you can - we will shop for the supplies not donated. Thanks for all your help!

We will be delivering the buckets at the November Presbyterian meeting.

The devotional magazine "These Days" is available in the Narthex.



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'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS



1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word,
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans-ing blood,
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease,
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;



Just to rest up - on His prom-ise, Just to know "Thus saith the Lord."
Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!
Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.



CHORUS



Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!



Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

