

13th Sunday after Pentecost - September 3rd, 2017

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Song: "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

vs. 2 #792

Call to Worship:

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

Praise the Lord!

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Let us worship God!

**Opening Hymn:* "The God of Abraham Praise"

#49

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

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, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Hope:

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation.

In return for our old life of sin,

he promises a new life of grace.

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

**Sung Response:* "O God, You Are My God"

#743

**Passing of the Peace*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 3:1–15 Moses at the Burning Bush & Divine Name p. 50 OT

Sermon: “Turn and Engage” Paul Campbell (CRE)

WE RESPOND

****Affirmation of Faith:*** Brief Statement of Faith 11.4, 11.5 Insert & p. 37

****Hymn of Faithfulness:*** “Praise God for This Holy Ground” #405

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Printed prayer requests are gathered with the offering and shared during the Prayers of the People.

Offertory

****Doxology***

****Prayer of Dedication***

Holy God of holy ground, like Moses, we question our fitness to serve heaven’s purposes on earth. Overcome our qualms with the assurance of your presence; bless these offerings that, through them, we may do your will; in the name of the triune One. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer (debt and debtors)

SENDING OUT

****Church Mission Statement:*** (on back of bulletin)

****Closing Hymn:*** “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” #331

****Benediction***

****Closing Sung Response:*** “Help Us Accept Each Other” vs. 1 #754

Postlude

Portions of today’s liturgy from “Call to Worship” and “Feasting on the Word Worship Companion”

A Brief Statement of Faith 11.4, 11.5

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Effort

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is the emergency response and refugee program of the denomination, committed to the long-term journey of recovery of communities adversely affected by a crisis or catastrophic event. It is funded by One Great Hour of Sharing and raises designated funds for responding to specific disasters.

The needs for the response are great. God's People are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"— Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: Go to www.pcusa.org, and click "Donate Now" to donate securely and quickly.

If you prefer to mail a check (please designate Disaster Relief – U.S. Hurricane Response, DR000169), send it to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

You may also call 800-872-3283 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EDT), to donate by phone.

ACT: Put together Gift of the Heart hygiene kits for survivors in the affected areas. For instructions on how to assemble the kits, go to pda.pcusa.org/page/kits. Please return to the church office and we will mail out next week.

PRAY: God, our Shelter, be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains of Harvey, now face grief, uncertainty and weary days. May our generosity in prayer and in tangible signs of support overflow more than floodwaters, to sustain your work of healing and rebuilding and to bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. Amen.

Keep up to date on long-term recovery efforts at Presbyterian mission.org/pda or [facebook.com/PDACARES](https://www.facebook.com/PDACARES)