



HARVEY BROWNE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community of believers making a difference by making disciples.

9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021
10:30 AM



Bold text is read in unison.

Notes regarding safety for those worshipping in-person today:

- *Please wear your mask at all times.
- *Be sure to maintain six feet social distance.
- *Please refrain from singing.
- *Please wait for an usher to dismiss you during the Closing Voluntary.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

Song of Peace

Jean Langlais

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship a God of invitation.

The God who invited Abraham to follow you.

The God who invited the disciples to drop their nets.

The God who invited the children to draw near.

The God who invited Peter to walk on water.

The God who invited the tax collector to dinner.

The God who invited the Samaritan woman into eternal life.

Just the same, you invite us to live lives of faith.

Give us the strength to say yes, O God.

Give us the courage to follow your invitation.

HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less!

SOLID ROCK

**For purposes of safety, we ask those in the congregation to refrain from singing.*

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

(Refrain) On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his love
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul give way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.
(Refrain)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

The grace of God surrounds us, hemming us in over and above, behind and before. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us pray together.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of the wind and the sea, you invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear. You invite us to trust you, but we would rather trust wind and gravity. You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we are more comfortable questioning our own abilities. You invite us to move – to change and take a risk – but we stay planted where we are, afraid of the ways growth might hurt. Forgive us for our self-doubt and fear. Forgive us, O God, and invite us again.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Siblings in Christ, just as God lovingly formed the world from chaos, so, too, does God's grace meet our unraveled lives with love. Therefore, let us proclaim the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jane Doehnert

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61: 1-4

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14: 22-33

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God – who weaves us together in community, collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging. I believe in the Holy Spirit – who hems us in before and behind, catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative. And I believe in Jesus Christ – who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to disregard anyone as scrap. I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being, making us inherently worthy of love and belonging. I believe the fabric of my life is weak, that I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love. I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics, she is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation. And I believe that when life unravels, God is there to stitch my wounds together, to hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love, and to invite me into a new journey. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
Jonathan Sutphin

African American Spiritual

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Veda Pendleton

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.

THE SENDING

HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

**For purposes of safety, we ask those in the congregation to refrain from singing.*

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to HBPres!

Whether you are worshipping online or in-person, welcome! HBPres is a community of believers who share God's grace and an abiding love for Jesus Christ, seeking to be grown through worship and study, recreation and fellowship, service to others and loving care for one another. If you would like to learn more about the community here at HBPres, please contact our pastor, Rev. Christine Coy Fohr (christine@hbpres.net). To sign up for our weekly email or monthly newsletter, contact Cheryl Granger (cherylgranger@hbpres.net).

Our Guest Organist Today

Guest organist Guy Younce taught elementary music for 31 years and served as part time Director of Music at Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Louisville for 13 years. Currently he enjoys being retired and playing for a number of Louisville area churches as a substitute organist.

Christine on Vacation

Our pastor, Christine, will be on vacation July 26th through August 6th. If you have a pastoral concern while she is away, please contact the church office.

Liturgy for today's service

Much of the liturgy for today's service comes from the *Unraveled* series from the group, *A Sanctified Art*.

Special Offering this Sunday for St. MAM

The Special offering for this Sunday, will benefit St. Matthew Area Ministries.

Grocery Cart for July

St MAM does not need school supplies this year. They are asking for: Laundry soap (64 loads size), Dryer Sheets, Dishwashing soap (Not for dishwashers), Anti-bacterial spray cleaner, Shampoo & Conditioner, Body Wash, Arm & Hammer Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Razors, and Kleenex. For questions or concerns, please contact Pam or Mark Wood.

Booktalk this Month

On Tuesday July 27 at 11:30 AM, Booktalk will be discussing *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The author is both a botanist and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers and "she takes us on a journey that is every bit as mythic as it is scientific, as sacred as it is historical, and as clever as it is wise." Join us on Zoom! Contact the church office for information on connecting.

Volunteers Needed

- Hospital Visitors Needed. We are wanting to get the Hospital Visitors program back to running again but need some new volunteers. Most hospitals are allowing visitors, but masks are required at this time. Volunteers are typically scheduled for visits two days a month, but we can schedule you more or less often if you would like. For more information on this program or to become a hospital visitor, call Cheryl Granger in the church office at 896-1791
- Livestream Volunteers Needed. HBPres is looking for individuals interested in helping with managing the live-stream and audio portion of our worship services. No advanced tech experience is needed. If interested, please reach out to Kevin Gilman: ktgilman@gmail.com

These Days

The July, August & September edition of the These Days devotional is available in the church office. Call the church office at 502-896-1791 to reserve a copy.

Communication from Hospital

If you or a loved one are hospitalized, please contact Christine or the church office directly. The hospital will not contact us, and we want to ensure that everyone receives timely pastoral care. If you need to reach Christine after hours, you can call (502) 208-8472 and leave a message. She will return your call as soon as possible.