



# Washington Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

October 4, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Calling upon God in Prayer

\*Call to Worship – Psalm 95:1-3

\*Hymn – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#11)

Responsive Reading – Deuteronomy 19:15-21

\*Hymn – What a Friend We Have in Jesus (#630)

Congregational Prayer

Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 1:16-18

Children's Message

Message – **Forgiveness in the Kingdom of God**

Matthew 18:15-35

Pastor Dave Bindewald

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

\*Hymn – Our Great Savior (#17)

\*Benediction

Postlude

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

*Please scroll down for announcements, songs, and readings.*

## **WELCOME members and guests. We're glad you joined us!**

Today we continue public worship at the church building with full awareness that you are also worshipping with us at home. Even though we're not under the same roof, we are still worshipping the one true God with one another.

**While viewing the worship service**, we encourage you to sing along with the hymns, participate in the responsive reading, bow your head in prayer when we pray, etc. Also, share the link to the service with others if you can—it's a great way to get the gospel out to the world!

**Children's sermon note sheets** to help both older and younger children learn from the sermon at an age-appropriate level are available to print at [washingtonpres.org/worship-bulletins](http://washingtonpres.org/worship-bulletins).

**Sermon recordings** are available on Apple Podcasts under WPCA Sermons or on the Resources page of our website, [washingtonpres.org](http://washingtonpres.org). A **video recording** of today's live-streamed service is on our YouTube channel.

### **Sunday School**

**Adults** – 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, led by Cory Goehring. The same guidance for social distancing and masks during the worship service applies. Attendees are asked to sit in the same seat for both Sunday school and the service.

**Children** – 9:15-10 a.m. on the church lawn. Please bring chairs or a blanket to sit on. Masks are not required, but social distance between households is encouraged. Children must be accompanied by an adult. In case of poor weather, we will move to the fellowship hall, to be announced via email by 8:30 a.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A BENEVOLENCE OFFERING** for the Deacons fund (used to help those with particular needs) will be received during today's communion service. To contribute, please write "Deacons" in the memo line of your check or on the pew envelope.

**PASTORAL NOMINATION COMMITTEE** – The PNC holds its first meeting tomorrow, October 5, at 7:30 p.m. Please pray for the committee as they begin this process.

**PIONEER CLUBS!** – Pioneer Clubs for children age 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will begin this Wednesday, October 7, 6-7:15 p.m. Masks and social distancing will be in effect. Please contact Kim if you would like your kids to participate! (Plans for resuming Youth Group are forthcoming.)

**SESSION MEETING** – The Session meets this Wednesday, October 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Please pray for our elders as they meet.

**CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY** – A symposium on The State of Religious Liberty & Freedom of Conscience Today will be held on Saturday, October 10, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Pioneer PCA in Ligonier, PA, and also streamed on Zoom.

**PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY** meets on Saturday, October 17, at Greene Valley Presbyterian Church in Carmichaels.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is suspended until further notice.

## **SEPTEMBER GIVING**

*Going forward, finances will be reported monthly to more accurately reflect online and mailed giving.*

Budget for the year	\$ 171,004.00
General Giving YTD	\$ 103,223.64

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Giving</u></b>
General	\$ 9,972.06
Deacons	\$ 175.00
Capital Building	\$ 320.00
Seminary Student Support	\$ 0.00

## Call to Worship – Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

## Responsive Reading – Deuteronomy 19:15-21

<sup>15</sup> “A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed.

***Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established.***

<sup>16</sup> If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing,

<sup>17</sup> ***then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days.***

<sup>18</sup> The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely,

<sup>19</sup> ***then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother.***

So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

<sup>20</sup> ***And the rest shall hear and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil among you.***

<sup>21</sup> Your eye shall not pity.

***shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.***

## Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 1:16-18

<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

<sup>17</sup> learn to do good;

seek justice,

correct oppression;

bring justice to the fatherless,

plead the widow's cause.

<sup>18</sup> “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red like crimson,

they shall become like wool.

## Scripture Reading – Matthew 18:15-35

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

*All Scripture texts, unless otherwise noted:*

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## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

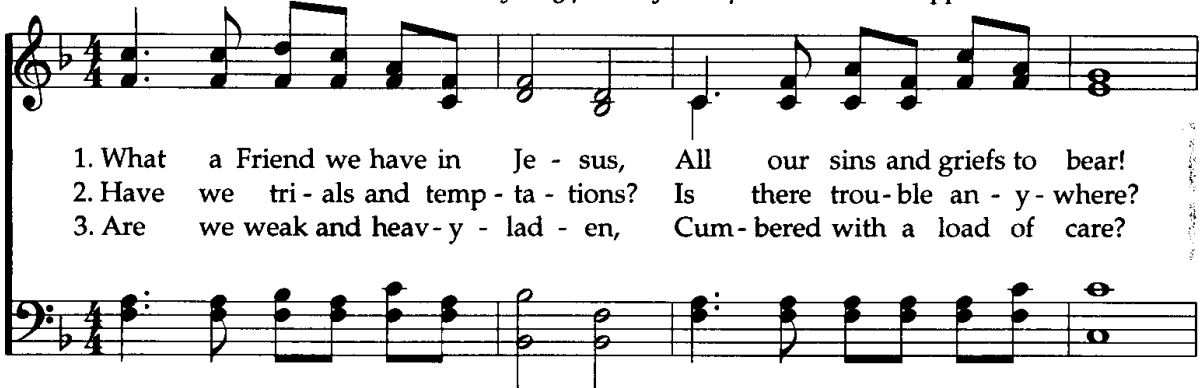
Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise His name—I'm fixed upon it—  
Name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me;  
Thou hast bro't me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Bo't me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus 630

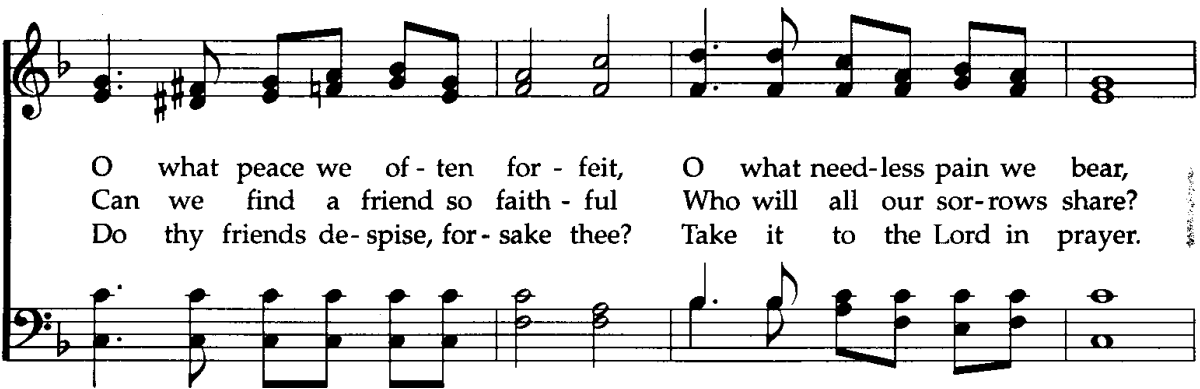
*In everything present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6*



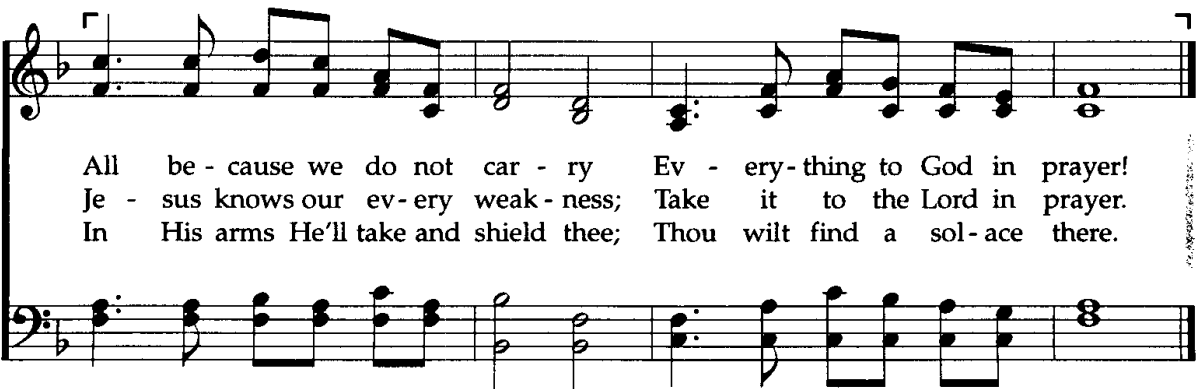
1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our Ref - uge; Take it to the Lord in prayer.



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.



## Our Great Savior

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

### **Refrain**

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a Strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my Strength, my victory wins. **[Refrain]**

Jesus! What a Help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul. **[Refrain]**

Jesus! What a Guide and Keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'er takes me,  
He, my Pilot, hears my cry. **[Refrain]**

Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine. **[Refrain]**