

GATHERING

Prelude: "Passacaglia in C-Minor"

J.S. Bach

Striking the Hour

Introit: "Now Thank We All Our God"

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Call To Worship:

- L: Summer is almost over.
 P: The time for work and schedules is drawing close.
 L: Lord, be with us this day.
 P: Lord, prepare us for the time ahead.
 L: Let your life-giving bread nourish our spirits.
 P: Let your words of life give peace to our souls.

Invocation

Hymn: # 458 "Earth and All Stars"

Dexter

Prayer of Confession and Intercession:

God, our sun and shield: we may long to be in your house, but our deeds show how tough it is for us to live there. Called to follow, we search for paths to take us back to our old ways; given the words of eternal life, we weakly proclaim the gospel to others; offered the path of salvation to walk upon, we stumble down the rocky roads of our world.

Forgive us, Guardian of our lives. Strengthen us with your Spirit, so we may follow Jesus Christ, the One we have come to believe and know is our Lord and Savior. (*Silent Prayer of Confession*)
 In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: (Responsive)

L: Today, receive the Bread of Life; today, hear the words of eternal hope; today, trust in the One who hears your prayers, and showers grace and forgiveness upon you.

ALL: Today, we are set free to serve God's people, and to sing God's praises. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Welcome and Congregational Concerns and Joys

Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Act of Praise, Hymn: # 307 "Fight the Good Fight" (*Verses 1 & 4*)

THE WORD

Scripture Lesson: John 6:56-69

Pew Bible, NTP p. 98

Time with the Children

Children of all ages are invited to the chancel steps. Children 3 through 1st grade may go to Covenant Hall to attend *Godly Play*. Children 2nd grade and older are invited to remain in the sanctuary. As the children come forward and as they leave the congregation can join in singing "What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God."

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Lord Make Me An Instrument Of Your Peace" Clausen
 The Chancel Choir

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication of our Gifts to God: # 592

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Pew Bible, NTP p. 195

Sermon

Nicole Partin

Commissioning of Teachers and Students: (Responsive)

L: God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Let us ask God to bless those who seek to learn and their teachers.

P: For students, as they begin this new school year, that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For teachers, administrators, and school employees, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for students, let us pray to the Lord.

P: For parents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to us always, let us pray to the Lord.

(*If sitting near a student, teacher, or school employee, lay hands on their shoulders as we share in the blessing.*)

All: Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. In times long past you sent us your prophets to teach your laws and to bear witness to your undying love. You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send your Spirit upon these students and their teachers and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that during this academic year they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others. Grant this through Jesus our Lord, Amen.

Preparation for Prayer: "Lead Me Lord"

Wesley

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (*...forgive us our debts...*)

Declaration of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed" Hymnal Pg. 14

SENDING

Hymn: # 358 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Baronita

(Choir - Vs. 1, Congregation joins in on Vs. 2)

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response: "Amen"

Weaver

Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God"

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are dedicated to the glory of God, and are given in loving memory of Love L. Hardaway, by Bob and Lindsey Hardaway.



Opening Praise
 "You're Worthy of My Praise"
 "Open Up the Gates"

Lighting the Mission Candle
 Filling the Font

Opening Prayer Bill Cummings

Scripture Psalm 45

Song
 "You Are My Strength"

Children's Message

Greeting in the Name of Jesus

Life of the Church
 Announcements
 Joys and Concerns
 Offering

Song of Preparation
 "Jesus"

Scripture Ephesians 6:10-24

Message The Stand
Geoff Kohler

Prayers of the People

Song
 "Everlasting God"

Benediction

Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church Staff

The Session - Elected Officers of the Congregation

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Youth

David Bonnema- Youth Coordinator

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