

Sunday, October 27, 2019

9:15 a.m.

The Dismissal

L: Enrich us with wisdom, and bless us with growth as we go from this place knowing that God's blessings have been poured on us so that we may be a blessing to others.

C: Glory be to God! Amen.

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Those Serving Us Today

Message:	Don Vogt
Leader:	Mari Roedig
Reader:	Julie Bubloz
Music:	Mari Roedig
Usher:	Matt Swadner/Barb Evenson/Terri Fish
Altar Prep:	Bev Griffin/Wendy Reed/Janet Vogt/Barb Evenson

Our next service will be Sunday, November 3 at 9:15 am.

Holy Communion will be served – all are welcome to partake as it is God's invitation to share in the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Thank You

Thank you to all our members, and residents of the Manitowoc Health Care Center who are so faithful in their attendance to our services. We welcome all of our guests and pray that the Spirit will touch you with the light of Christ.

Donations

Donations are taken in the basket as you enter the chapel. Each month, Gathering of Disciples church donates to charitable non-profit organizations in our community and to the Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Center activity fund. Thank you for your generosity as we grow in service to our Lord.



**Gathering Of Disciples
Christian Church**

(G.O.D.'s Church)

A Christian congregation

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Announcing the Day

What if the temple is God's bountiful earth? What if the earth is the temple where God's people should be satisfied, where a righteous prayer of confession is offered? What dreams, visions, and prophecies might lead humanity to repent of habits that worsen this dwelling place, reclaiming instead the bounty and goodness of God's house.

Welcome

Introduction and announcements:

Order of Worship

L: Let us now take a moment to center our hearts and minds on God in preparation for worship.

Opening Prayer

L: Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer.

C: Happy are those who live in your courts—those who are satisfied with the goodness of your house and your holy temple.

L: You are the hope of all things, Holy One, from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.

C: You make the gateways of the evening and the morning shout for joy.

L: Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.

C: Let us shout and sing together for joy. Amen!

The Entrance Hymn

#444

"Rain Down"

The Confession and Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

L: Creator God,

C: we confess this day to engaging in habits that diminish the bounty of your creation. Not satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple, your seas and mountains, your rain and soil, we have fashioned a system of sustenance that seems good to us, but cannot be sustained. Be merciful to us, for we have sinned. Answer us with awesome deeds of deliverance, O Hope of the Earth. Give us vision and a prophetic spirit. Renew our vocation, as stewards of your creation.

L: Do not lose heart. Those who humbly admit their sins find favor with God. For God answers prayer, and forgives transgression. Believe this good news: We are forgiven and freed to newness of life.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise (*sung*)

#9 vs 1 & 3

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim, his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name. Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess; the great Creator, he, the Lord of Righteousness. He reigns unseen: his flock he deeds and gently leads in pastures green. Amen.

L : The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God,

C: pour out your Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word. Protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³²It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.

³³“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

Psalm 46 (recited responsively)

¹God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

³though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

⁵God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

⁶**Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸**Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹ He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ **He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”**
¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.
²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. ²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

L: The Readings for today. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (*Please stand if you are able*)
(*Into My Heart #485*)

C: Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus; come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

L: The holy Gospel according to John, the 8th Chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel: John 8:31-36

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
³² They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. ³³ How can you say that we shall be set free?”
³⁴ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

L: The Word of God. **C: For the People of God.**

The Message *(Please be seated)*

Don't Misunderstand Freedom

The Hymn of the Day

#483

"Take Time to Be Holy"

The Apostle's Creed *(Please stand if you are able)*

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

L: "Lord, in your Mercy" **C: "Hear Our Prayer"**

The Offering (sung) *(Please be seated)*

We Give Thee But Thine Own #688 vs 1 & 5

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; what-e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee. Amen.

The Offertory Prayer

L: Gracious God,

C: Whatever challenges we face, we have also known your many blessings—food, shelter, health. Accept these gifts as tokens of our thankfulness, that they may be used in your spirit to share your bounty with those in need. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Please stand if you are able)*

L: Let us join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us and give praise with the ending acclamation given to us by his apostle, Mark. **C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Benediction

L: May the Spirit of the Lord go before you and lead you. May the joy of the Lord be the song of your days and the peace of the Lord be a gift to your soul. May the love of the Lord touch everything you do and remind you you're forever blessed.

C: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Closing Hymn

#730

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"