

THE PALISADES COMMUNITY CHURCH
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SUNDAY VIRTUAL WORSHIP
JUNE 13, 2021



WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP responsive

The church is the place where the broken gather:

Let us worship the One who reconciles us

To one another and to God.

The church is the place where sinners are welcome;

Let us worship God who, with forgiving hands,

Shapes us into new people.

The church is the place where the lost, the least,

The forgotten, the ignored gather:

Let us worship God who looks at us with the eyes of love.

OPENING HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Why is it so easy to note our achievements, yet so hard to admit to God the mistakes we've made? This is the place where we stand in the presence of the One who longs to shape us into new people. So let us ask our loving God to forgive us, as we pray, saying:

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

We confess, God of Faith, that we ask about someone's background to see if they are like us; while you look at where their heart is grounded. We examine another's appearance, while you take notice of how they reach out to those who are different. We gaze at the size of another's house or car or portfolio to judge how successful they are; but you observe whether or not they have faith the size of the smallest mustard seed.

Forgive us, Anointing God, for looking at those around us with human eyes, and not seeing them as created in your image. As you shape us into new people, give us new eyes, new hearts, new lives to follow in Christ's footsteps.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON, *Unison*

**This is the good news: no longer must we walk the old paths of sin and death,
Christ has come to take our old ways on himself and to fill us with new life in God.**

Now we know we are forgiven;

Now we know we are at peace;

Now we can step forward in faith

To live with our God forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE Psalm 20

I pray that the Lord answers you

Whenever you are in trouble.

Let the name of Jacob's God protect you.

Let God send help to you from the sanctuary

And support you from Zion.

Let God recall your many grain offerings;

Let him savor your entirely burned offerings.

Let God grant what is in your heart

And fulfill all your plans.

Then we will rejoice that you've been helped.

We will fly our flags in the name of our God.

Let the Lord fulfill all your requests!

Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed one;

God answers his anointed one

From his heavenly sanctuary,

Answering with mighty acts of salvation

Achieved by his strong hand.

Some people trust in chariots, others in horses;

But we praise the Lord's name.

They will collapse and fall,

But we will stand up straight and strong.

SCRIPTURE Mark 4: 26-34

Then Jesus said, "This is what God's kingdom is like. It's as though someone scatters seed on the ground, then sleeps and wakes night and day. The seed sprouts and grows, but the farmer doesn't know how. The earth produces crops all by itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full head of grain. Whenever the crop is ready, the farmer goes out to cut the grain because it's harvesttime."

He continues, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

SERMON

“Just Big Enough”

Rev. Beth McKinney

HYMN OF RESPONSE

TIME OF PRAYER

Offering of Joys & Concerns (use chat feature or unmute)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer *unison*

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. Amen.

TIME FOR GIVING

This church’s budget comes from the pledges and gifts of friends and members.

You can give online through Paypal or send a check.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts *unison*

O God of mercy, we offer these, our gifts, to your church, that we may witness more faithfully, rejoice more fully, and serve with greater strength and presence, in the place and time you have given us. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION District FEM

"District FEM was started by two high school juniors at Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington DC. We hold donation drives to collect menstrual products and cash donations. We then donate the menstrual products to community members who may not otherwise have access to them. We have donated to Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter, DC Public Schools, Woodrow Wilson High School, and Thrive DC. We have a Venmo account as well (@DISTRICTFEM)."

For more inquiries, please email wilsonstudentfem@gmail.com or message @districtfem on Instagram.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome!

The Palisades Community Church is a progressive, welcoming, intentionally diverse congregation located in the northwest quadrant of Washington, DC. We are nearly one hundred years old: post-denominational, dedicated to religious inclusiveness, and committed to giving back to our community and world.

We believe that all people are unconditionally welcome and that the teachings of Jesus call us to love and serve all of our neighbors, both in the Washington, DC community and beyond.