



Community Presbyterian Church

Scottish Communion Sunday
22 September 2024

GATHERING

Processional

An t Eilean Muileach
Pipe Major Donald MacLean of Lewis

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Tha càram aig Dia dhomh

*Call to Worship

(One) Thank you, O Lord, for your self-revealed Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith. Never let us forget that our heritage is a responsibility, not a treasure to be hoarded.

(All) Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

(One) Never let us forget that our communal love is a gift to be shared, that the stranger may always be welcomed.

(All) Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

(One) We praise you, O Lord, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in our communities of faith.

(All) Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

(One) On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we raise our hearts before you Almighty God!

(All) In gratitude for our heritage, we pray for God's blessings on people in all lands.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 1

(One) Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

(All) They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

(One) In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

(All) Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

(One) For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

*Hymn (422)

Amazing Grace

(1) Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

(2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

(3) The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

(4) Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

(5) When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Prayer of Confession

(All) Before you, Father, we confess that *our nature is so corrupt, so weak, and imperfect, that we are never able to fulfill the works of the Law in perfection... And therefore it behoved us to apprehend Christ Jesus, who through His blood shed on the cross, insures that our sin is not imputed unto us, but is remitted and covered with Christ's justice.* (Italics from The Scots Confession)

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Sermon

*Hymn (502)

Be Thou My Vision

(1) Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

(2) Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

(3) High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

RESPONSE

*Blessing of the Tartans

(One) On behalf of all clans represented here, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray for God's blessing on God's servant people in all lands.

(All) Eternal God, bless these symbols of our heritage, and grant that those who wear them, and the families they represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

(One) We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

Prayer of Invitation

Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, Drink this cup.
Come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, Drink this cup.
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

Words of Institution

Communion

Eat This Bread

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Scots Confession*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Offertory & Pipes

Cabar Feidh Gu Brath

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

*Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

(One) In Your mercy ...

(All) ... Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Procession

Scotland the Brave
Minstrel Boy
Wearing of the Green

Community Presbyterian Church

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Liturgist: Sharon Rogers

Bagpiper: Duncan MacLeod

SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

Who is wise and understandable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder

and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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