

DUBLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Season of Stewardship: Generosity and Relationships



*“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them.
⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’
you must forgive them.”*
Luke 17:3-4

19th Sunday after Pentecost

THE LORD’S DAY

October 15, 2017

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

“Christians We Have Met to Worship”

*arr. Mark Hayes &
Douglas E. Wagner*

WELCOME AND RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Minister: God is good **People: All the time.**

Minister: And all the time **People: God is good!**

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Richard Troxell, Worship and Music

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,

People: but Christ who chose us,

Liturgist: That we are not here because of our goodness

People: but because of Christ’s grace,

Liturgist: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

People: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

Liturgist: That we have not come to be entertained

People: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

*OPENING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

#463, vs. 1-4

(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: O Lord we seek your mercy...yet we ourselves look for payback when we are wronged. We think it “only fair” and “what is right” when we retaliate and use harsh words and withdraw from relationship. The forgiveness you offer on our account is larger than we can comprehend, still we withhold forgiveness and carry the grudge over petty items. We are eager to do your judging. And the worst: we conspire our inner thoughts to secure your forgiveness while avoiding honest repentance. Forgive us Lord for the sins we know in our hearts. Save us Lord from the sins we hide.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

(Lifting water from the font or motioning toward it)

Minister: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and has not dealt with us according to our sins. Instead, God has chosen the sacrifice of God’s own son on our account. It is because Jesus Christ pays the last full measure that our sins are forgiven.

People: This gift of forgiveness makes us able, with the power of Holy Spirit, to choose to forgive, renew and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

“How Firm a Foundation”

#463, vs. 5

**“The soul that on Jesus hath learned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: Since God has forgiven us through Jesus Christ our Lord, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you. *(Please share this peace with those around you.)*

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM

“My Hope is Built”

arr. Zebulon Highben

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MOMENT

Reverend Eastman Hinkle

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

People: Living God, help us so to hear your Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over the transgression
of the remnant of your possession?

He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in showing clemency.

¹⁹He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot.

You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

²⁰You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and unswerving loyalty to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our ancestors
from the days of old.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:1-10

(Pew Bible, N.T., p.80)

17 Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ²It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³So watch yourselves.

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⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

⁷“Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat?’ ⁸Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink?’ ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Generosity and Relationships”

Rev. Jennifer Eastman Hinkle

SERMON HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#829, vs. 1-3

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.**

RESPONDING TO GOD

OFFERING

Call to Offering

Offertory Music

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

“Devotion”

Bertha R. Frick

#606

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN ☩

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

#169, vs. 1, 2, & 4

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Immortal, Invisible”

arr. Roger C. Wilson

Please stay to enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service of worship.