

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



September 22, 2024

# 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

September 22, 2024

10:30 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE "Humble Thyself in the Sign of the Lord"  
"Be still and know that I am God."  
Hayes  
*Psalm 46:10*  
(Please see the insert for words to meditate on before worship)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP  
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: Julie Walton

PASSING THE PEACE "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**  
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist  
We gather together,  
**Empowered by the Risen Christ,**  
To worship and encounter the Holy One.  
**We trust that the infinite love of God**  
Will move us beyond our places of doubt and fear  
**And into a world where we witness to the Good News.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 11 "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud" ABERYSTWYTH

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God. Let us pray:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Forgive our timidity in having candid conversations with others about you. Please help us to submit ourselves to you and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Walk in the newness of life! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen**

## ***THE WORD***

### CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)  
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE READING FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (From *The Message*)  
These words are trustworthy and true. **Thanks be to God.**

### CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48  
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Testimony and Doubt"

## ***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 456 "Listen, God Is Calling" NENO LAKE MUNGU

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Witness"  
\*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)  
\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

## ***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN (See Insert) "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" MESSAGE

\*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "I Love to Tell the Story" RANEY

# 504

# We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

"Colin Sterne." 1896

MESSAGE: 10. 8. 8. 7. with Refrain  
H. Ernest Nichol. 1896

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions That shall turn their  
2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions That shall lift their  
3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, That the Lord who  
4. We've a Sav - iour to show to the na - tions, Who the path of

hearts to the right, A sto - ry of truth and mer - cy,  
hearts to the Lord; A song that shall con - quer e - vil  
reign - eth a - bove Hath sent us His Son to save us,  
sor - row hath trod, That all of the world's great peo - ples

A sto - ry of peace and light, A sto - ry of peace and light.  
And shat - ter the spear and sword, And shat - ter the spear and sword.  
And show us that God is love, And show us that God is love.  
Might come to the truth of God, Might come to the truth of God.

**REFRAIN**

For the dark-ness shall turn to dawn, ing, And the dawn-ing to noon-day bright,

And Christ's great Kingdom shall come on earth, The King-dom of love and light. A-MEN.

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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor

Carol Johnson, Liturgist

Paul and Beth Olin, Ushers

Ron and Jeri Bushong, Wanda Smigiel, Greeters

Michael Beery, Music Director and Soloist

Polly Mauer, Pianist



*Saturday*  
**SEPTEMBER 28**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

*Arts + Crafts*      *Children's Corner*  
*Granny's Attic Resale*      *Christmas Store*  
*Homemade Baked Goods*      *Books + C.D.'s*  
*Grandpa's Garage Resale*      *Silent Auction*  
*Cookies by the pound*      *Children's Books*  
*... and much, much more*

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**  
**8190 Lincoln Rd. Beulah**

**BAZAAR**

Items for the Bazaar may be brought to Edwards Hall Sept. 1.

The Bazaar is Saturday, **Sept. 28 10am-3pm.**

Thank you for your support!

Chris Jahr

**SILENT AUCTION**

The Silent Auction will be held in the Gathering Space before and after church **Sept. 8, 15 & 22.**

Jessica Gardner & Chris Jahr

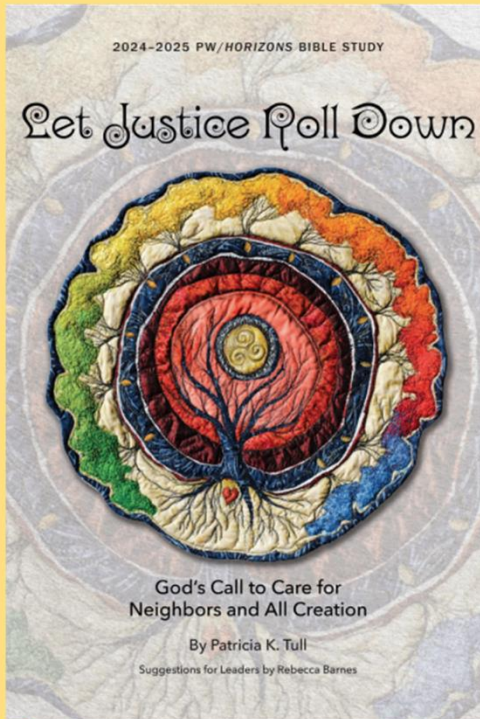


Join Benzie Faith in Action for a "Reverse Debate" **TODAY Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 PM at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Beulah.** We will be joined by

our candidates for public office from U.S. Congress down to local municipalities to discuss issues core to Benzie County such as Housing, Mental Health Care, and Internet Access. What is a "reverse debate"? Simple! A reverse debate is the opposite of a typical debate in two ways: 1. Instead of fighting about what we disagree on, we seek common ground. 2. Instead of us sitting quietly and listening to the candidates, THEY listen to US!

Please join us! Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

# Let Justice Roll Down



## God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation

Classes will meet once a month as follows:

### Tuesday at 10:30am online (Zoom)

Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8, and May 13.

OR

### Thursday at 10:30am onsite

Sep. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, and May 15.

Cost of book is \$10. Watch for sign-up information!

Join us as we explore God's call to care for our neighbors and for creation. We will learn about ecological systems, accelerated climate change, and possibilities to address the human-made stress on our environment. Exploring theological questions will point us to act and engage, in small and large ways.

## Save the Date: October 13, 2024 Arts on the Hill Concert

**Arts on the Hill**  
*Presents*  
**Gabriel Fauré**  
**REQUIEM**  
*Pièce for Oboe and Harp*

**SUNDAY**  
**Oct. 13**  
**3:00 PM**

**Benzie Area**  
**Festival Choir**  
**and Orchestra**

Michael Beery, Director Tim Quist, Organ  
Sylvia Norris, Harp

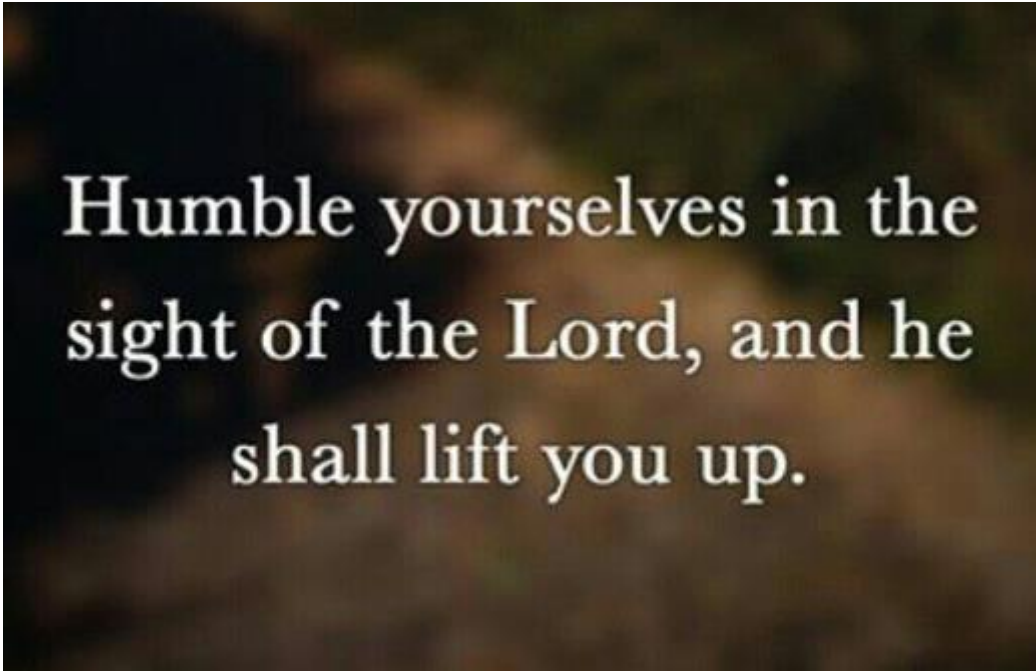
Words for Meditation

**“Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord”**

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord

And He shall lift you up  
Higher and higher and He shall lift you up

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord



Humble yourselves in the  
sight of the Lord, and he  
shall lift you up.