



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

THE 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 23, 2020—9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are God's church: **We come together to worship.**

God has given us the holy Word: **We come together to learn from God.**

God has filled us with power: **We go out to bring others to God.**

God has called us into a holy family: **We come together to share our lives.**

God has put holy words on our lips: **We go out to tell the world about God.**

God has given us the Spirit: **We come together to celebrate.**

God has showered us with divine riches: **We go out to share God's goodness with others.**

God has freed us from our past: **We come together to move forward.**

God has planned for us a glorious future: **We go out to live our lives to please God.**

We are God's church: **We come together to worship.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN**

Higher Ground vv. 1-3

Cokesbury 127

*1. I'm pressing on the upward way,
new heights I'm gaining ev'ry day;
still praying as I onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."*

*2. My heart has no desire to stay
where doubts arise and fears dismay;
tho' some may dwell where these abound,
my prayer, my aim, is higher ground.*

Refrain:

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
by faith, on Heaven's tableland,
a higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

*3. I want to live above the world,
though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
for faith has caught the joyful sound,
the song of saints on higher ground.*

"Higher Ground" – words by Johnson Oatman, Jr., music by Chas. H. Gabriel
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***AFFIRMATION**

The Nicene Creed

UMH 880

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***RESPONSE**

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

“Gloria Patri” – words The Lesser Doxology, music by Charles Meineke

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Trey Burns

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

**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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sweet Beulah Land

Linda Compton, soloist

Words and music by Squire Parsons

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***OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” - words by Thomas Ken (adapt. Gilbert H. Viera), harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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***HYMN**

Dwelling in Beulah Land

Cokesbury 95

*1. Far away the noise of strife
upon my ear is falling,
then I know the sins of earth beset on ev'ry hand:
Doubt and fear and things of earth
in vain to me are calling,
none of these shall move me from Beulah Land.*

*2. Far below the storm of doubt
upon the world is beating,
sons of men in battle long the enemy withstand:
Safe am I within the castle
of God's word retreating,
nothing then can reach me—'tis Beulah Land.*

*3. Let the stormy breezes blow,
their cry cannot alarm me;
I am safely sheltered here, protected by God's hand:
Here the sun is always shining,
here there's naught can harm me,
I am safe forever in Beulah Land.*

*4. Viewing here the works of God,
I sink in contemplation,
hearing now his blessed voice, I see the way he planned:
Dwelling in the Spirit,
here I learn of full salvation,
gladly will I tarry in Beulah Land.*

Refrain:

*I'm living on the mountain,
underneath a cloudless sky,
I'm drinking at the fountain
that never shall run dry;
O yes! I'm feasting on the manna
from a bountiful supply,
for I am dwelling in Beulah Land.*

“Dwelling in Beulah Land” – words and music by C. Austin Miles

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THEME READING

There is only one condition previously required of those who desire admission into these societies: "a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins." But wherever this is really fixed in the soul it will be shown by its fruits.

It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

First: By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced...

It is expected of all who continue in these societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

Secondly: By doing good; by being in every kind merciful after their power; as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all people...

It is expected of all who desire to continue in these societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

Thirdly: By attending upon all the ordinances of God...

These are the General Rules of our societies; all of which we are taught of God to observe, even in his written Word, which is the only rule, and the sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice. And all these we know his Spirit writes on truly awakened hearts. If there be any among us who observe them not, who habitually break any of them, let it be known unto them who watch over that soul as they who must give an account. We will admonish that person of the error of their ways. We will bear with them for a season. But then, if they repent not, they hath no more place among us. We have delivered our own souls.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:37-42

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

This is the word of God for us, the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Old Time Religion: Attend Upon God’s Ordinances

Rev. Trey Burns

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN

The Great Physician, vv. 1-3

Cokesbury 145

*1. The great Physician now is here,
the sympathizing Jesus;
he speaks the drooping heart to cheer,
O hear the voice of Jesus.*

*2. Your many sins are all forgiv’n,
O hear the voice of Jesus;
go on your way in peace to heav’n,
and wear a crown with Jesus.*

*Refrain:
Sweetest note in seraph song,
sweetest name on mortal tongue,
sweetest carol ever sung,
Jesus, blessed Jesus.*

*3. All glory to the dying Lamb!
I now believe in Jesus;
I love the blessed Savior’s name,
I love the name of Jesus.*

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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