



**South Aiken Presbyterian Church**

**1711 Whiskey Rd.**

**Aiken, SC 29803**



## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

8:45 am and 11:00 am

(Please stand, if able when indicated by an \*) (PA=Pulpit Assistant)

**Prelude**

**Scott Chappell**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Chrystie Weimer**

**The Chiming**      (*Handbell rung three times, one for God the Father, for the Son, and for the Holy Spirit*)

**Introit**

*His Name is Wonderful*

Audrey Mieir

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**\*Call to Worship** (*Matthew 10: 40-42*) (*Responsively*):

One: Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me.

**Many: Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward;**

One: and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;

**ALL: and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple; truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.**

**\*Hymn #39**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;**

**there is no shadow of turning with thee.**

**Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.**

**As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain:* **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning, new mercies I see.**

**All I have needed thy hand hath provided.**

**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**  
*Refrain*

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**  
*Refrain*

**Prayer of Confession (*Unison*):** Gracious God, we confess that loving you and our neighbors is difficult. Sometimes we are nice to our neighbors, but don't really love them as you would have us love them. Help us, O God, to love our neighbors next to us, beside us, and behind us. Teach us to reserve judgment and criticism before we encounter those whom you place in our path, through Jesus Christ...

*(in silence confess personal sins to God)*

PA: Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

PA: As we hear and see the water poured into the font, let us remember God's love extends to all people.

**The Font** (*pouring of the water*)

### **\*Responsive Hymn #581**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**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.**

### **\*The Peace** (*Responsively*) (*8:45 am and 11:00 am*)

**One:** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Many:** **And also with you.** (Share signs of forgiveness, peace, and reconciliation with each other)

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem**

*Jesus Paid it All*

arr. Robert Sterling

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

**Old Testament Lesson:**                    **Leviticus 19: 17-18**

**Epistle Lesson:**                                **Galatians 3: 23-29**

**Gospel Lesson:**                                **Luke 10: 25-37**

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*“The Longest Table: Othering”*

**Rev. Jason Hammersley**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn #688**

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth; through all its perils move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.**

**Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
all, all thine own, soul, heart and strength, and mind?  
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!**

**Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.  
Teach me the patience of un answered prayer.**

**Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the baptism of the heaven descended Dove,  
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*): The Apostles' Creed (*Traditional*)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Offering of Gifts** (*Ushers come and receive the offering*)

**\*Doxology Hymn #606**      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving with 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 the glory forever. Amen**

**SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn #707**      *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

**Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;  
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;  
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;  
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.**

**Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;  
come thou within our souls and claim thy throne;  
help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;  
use us to make the earth like heaven above.**

**Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;  
have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;  
guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;  
guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.**

**Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;  
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.  
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;  
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude Hymn #727**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

**Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

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