

THE WORD OF GOD

(Sunday Take-home Insert – Third Sunday after Pentecost IRCL)

Collect

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray together:

God of Hope,

Your Spirit,

written upon our hearts and bodies,

draws us forth to restore life:

Transform our prideful hearts,

Teaching us the practice of true care;

Transform our fearful hearts,

Teaching us the practice of unwavering courage;

Transform our tired hearts,

Teaching us the practice of right action;

In the Spirit of Christ,

May we live as your Justice. Amen.

A period of silence for reflection follows each lesson and the sermon. Allow your attention to drop in and down and rest upon your breath. When distractions arise – such as thoughts and sounds and smells – simply notice and return to the breath.

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28

Reader: A reading from Deuteronomy.

Put my words in your heart, and on your body. Tie them as a symbol on your hand, and fix them as a symbol on your forehead. Instruct your children in these things, discussing them at home or on the road, before you go to bed and when you get up in the morning. Write beside the doors to your homes, carve them on your gates, so that your life and the lives of your children may grow long in the land that Your God promised to your ancestors, days as numerous as the days the heavens are above the earth. Look, I give you today the choice of a blessing or a curse: a blessing, if you keep the commandments of Adonai, your God, which I give you this day; a curse, if you ignore those commandments and turn from the way that I show you today, and seek out other gods unknown to you.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31

1 In you, Adonai, I took refuge;
never let me be disgraced!
In your justice, deliver me!

2 Turn your ear to me!
Hurry! Rescue me!
Be the rock I hide behind,
be the walled fortress that saves me!

3 Because you are my rock, my fortress,
and for the sake of your Name,
lead me, guide me!

4 Pull me out of the trap they set for me,
for you are my refuge!

5 Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Adonai, God of truth!

19 How great is the goodness
reserved for those who revere you!
You bestow it – in front of everyone –
on those who take refuge in you.

20 Safe in your presence,
you hide them from the world's insidious schemes;
inside your tent, you shelter them,
far from the war of tongues!

21 Blessed are you, Adonai,
for you showed your wonderful love to me
in a city under siege!

22 In my alarm I exclaimed,
"I've been snatched from your sight!"
yet you heard the sound of my cries
when I called to you for help.

23 Revel in your love for God,
you whom God has touched!
For Our God protects the faithful
but will repay the arrogant in full.

24 Be strong, let your heart be bold,
you who hope in Our God.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

The Epistle

Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28-31)

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Community at Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the Good News: it is itself the very power of God, effecting the deliverance of everyone who believes the Good News – to the Jew first, but also to the Greek. For in that Gospel, God's justice is revealed – a justice which arises from faith and has faith as its result. As it is written, "By being faithful, those who are upright will find life."

There are no exceptions: everyone has sinned; everyone falls short of the glory of God. Yet everyone has also been undeservedly justified by the gift of God, through the redemption wrought in Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a propitiatory sacrifice, for the atonement of all who have faith in Christ's blood. And God did so to manifest divine justice – because God showed forbearance by

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remitting sins committed in the past, in order to demonstrate divine justice in the present – so that the Most High might be both a just judge and the One who justifies those who believe in Jesus. What room is there then for boasting? It is ruled out. In what law do we boast – the law of works? No: only the law of faith. We maintain that one is justified by faith – apart from keeping the Law. Does God belong to the Jews alone? Isn't God also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles too. And because there is only one God, it is the same God who will justify Jew and Gentile through the same faith. Do we then render the Law null and void? Not at all – we give the Law its true value!

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (see hymn board)

We stand as able.

The Gospel

Matthew 7:21-29

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Assembly: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“It isn't those who cry out, ‘My Savior! My Savior!’ who will enter the kingdom of heaven; rather, it is those who do the will of Abba God in heaven. When that day comes, many will plead with me, ‘Savior! Savior! Have we not prophesied in your name? Have we not exorcised demons in your name? Didn't we do many miracles in your name as well?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you. Out of my sight, you evildoers!’ “Anyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like the sage who built a house on rock. When the rainy season set in, the torrents came and the winds blew and buffeted the house. It didn't collapse because it had been set solidly on rock. Anyone who hears my words but does not put them into practice is like the fool who built a house on sandy ground. The rains fell, the torrents came, the winds blew and lashed against the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined.” Jesus finished speaking and left the crowds spellbound at his teaching, because he taught with an authority that was unlike their religious scholars.

Deacon: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME to all visitors and guests this morning! After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the lower level (accessible by stairs or elevator) for coffee and conversation.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presider:	Kevin Thew Forrester
Preacher:	Kevin Thew Forrester
Deacon:	Coralie Hambleton
Organist:	Jan Brodersen
First Reader:	Nancy Railey
Second Reader:	Karen Benstrom
Prayers of the People:	Larry Shell
Chalice Bearers:	Pat Micklow and Vince Reed
Ushers:	Dan and Barb Carpenter
Server:	Faith Cole
Altar Guild:	Marcia Franz and Barb Carpenter
Nursery Attendant:	
Coffee Hour Hosts:	Marcia Franz and Nancy and Bob Railey
Evening Prayer Officiant:	Kevin Thew Forrester
Children's Ministry:	Jim Edwards, Cathy Greer Cole, and Nancy Railey
Eucharistic Visitors:	MGH: Kai Carrigan; Robina Payant and Betsy Barnwell: Bob and Nancy Railey; Warren Glass: Marcia Franz

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Tuesday, 3 rd	Morning Meditation	7:45 am
Wednesday, 4 th	Evening Prayer	5:30 pm
Thursday, 5 th	Morning Meditation	7:45 am
	Trust Committee	12:00 pm
Saturday, 7 th	Episcopal Ministry Discernment Team	10:00 am
Sunday, 8 th	Holy Eucharist: 4 Pentecost	10:30 am

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in memory or celebration of a loved one can sign up on the list on the board in the atrium. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Jayne McQuaid at 226-2355.

Thank you!

Thank you all for the warm reception I received during the coffee hour on May 18th. It was nice to be able to put some faces to the many names I've heard these past weeks. I truly appreciate your kindness and support. It doesn't seem possible that I've been here almost two months already! I think the transition has gone pretty smoothly thanks to Michael's hints and tips and the encouragement I've gotten from all of you. Thank you. - Kathy Lenten

FAMILY TREE

Our St. Paul's family tree is growing. Please stop by the Atrium after the service if you haven't had your picture taken.

QUICKLIST UPDATES

The Welcomer's are in the process of updating parishioner records – addresses, phone numbers, etc. If you would like to include your email address and/or cell phone numbers on the Quick List, please get the information to Kathy at kathylenten201@sbcglobal.net or leave a note with the information on her desk in the church office.

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SUMMER QUARTER SIGN UP/AVAILABILITY LIST **LITURGICAL LEADERS, USHERS AND COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

The Summer Quarter list and rosters for the various activities are posted through June 8 on the “Sign Up” bulletin board across from the Chapel. Completed Summer Quarter schedules will be distributed beginning June 15. If there are periods when you should not be scheduled, please indicate that in the appropriate spaces of the schedule “Away”, or roster – “Comments”. This is especially important during the period of summer vacations. You may use the appropriate roster to increase or decrease your involvement in any of these activities. I especially need more people to serve as coffee hour hosts. Bob Railey

Interfaith Service

The Peace and Social Justice Committee of Marquette will hold an interfaith service Sunday evening, June 8th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church on the corner of Presque Isle Ave. and Fair Ave. Mohey Mowafy will be the speaker.

THE RELIGIOUS VOICE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan and the Interfaith Forum of Marquette County

What does it mean today to be a citizen who is committed to their faith? What is the role of the voice of faith in democracy? How can the many voices of the faithful conduct a civil discourse with elected officials? How do we affirm both the “Separation of Church and State” (or Mosque or Synagogue or Temple...)? How do we affirm the value language of the many faith communities? What about ‘hot button’ issues on war, capital punishment, the environment, healthcare and poverty?

These questions and others will be the focus of this conference to be held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Marquette on Saturday, June 14th, 10 am – 3 pm. Entitled “*The Religious Voice in the Public Square*”, it promises to invite participants into conversation around these questions as we “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.”

Conference planners have invited Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, US House of Representatives Tom Casperson, Michael Lahti, Steven Lindberg and Gary McDowell (or a representative from their respective offices), and local leadership to come and enter into conversation with us. Retired Judge Pat Micklow of Marquette will be moderator of the conference.

Lunch will be provided. **Please register by June 7th**. For more information, please contact Rayford Ray at rayfordray@chartermi.net or by phone at 906-360-1901, or to register please call Jane Cislucyis at 800-236-0087, or email jane@upepiscopal.org.

HAITI MISSION BEGINS

Please remember in your prayers Burt Purrington and his mission team as they travel to Haiti and his family as they await his safe return. Thank you for the many contributions, both supplies and money, that were donated.