

Morning Worship – Third Street Presbyterian Church (USA)
September 5, 2021 - 9:30AM
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Welcome and Church Announcements **Elder Allen Lowery**

Call to Worship

L: Jesus brought healing love to all people.

P: **They talked and marveled about his miracles.**

L: But they really didn't understand him.

P: **They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives.**

L: Jesus brings us transforming compassion.

P: **Lord Jesus, keep our minds and our spirits open to your life-changing words.**

Morning Hymn *Holy, Holy ,Holy, Lord God Almighty*

Prayer of Confession (read silently while leader reads aloud)

Patient and Loving Lord, you know us so well. We are fascinated by healing and can talk all day about the miracles, but we do not understand the compassion of Christ. We often say, "Just heal us; or Just make me rich; or Just make things go better at work" or other such deals and then we promise our faithfulness and witness. But in our hearts, we just don't get it. Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear get in the way of understanding. Help us to know the transformational power of your love. Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do. It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. (say your silent prayers of confession) **All: AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon:

L:*Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17*

P:**Thanks be to God**

Choral Response- *"Hear Our Prayer Oh Lord"*

Minute for Mission: Peace and Global Witness Offering
Elder Carolyn Werts

Offertory Prayer / Doxology

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

Passing of the PEACE

May you know the peace of Christ in the midst of suffering. May you feel the hope of the Holy Spirit in the midst of sorrow. And may you touch the love of God in the midst of pain. Feel God's love blowing through your life, greet one another on this call and pass the peace of Christ.

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:1-10 **Pastor Reid**

MESSAGE *"Be Strong, your God Will Come"* **Pastor Reid**

Confession of Faith - Apostles Creed (in Unison)

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.

Invitational Prayer of Christian Discipleship

Dear God know that my sin has separated me from you. Thank you God that Jesus Christ died a sinner's death in my place. I ask Jesus to forgive my sin, and come into my life. Please begin to direct my life, starting today. Thank you, God for giving me eternal life in Jesus' name, Amen

Hymn- *"Lord I want to be a Christian"*

Prayers of The People/Pastoral Prayer- **Pastor Reid**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper –(Please use the Communion Liturgy Sheet)

Closing Song : *"We are Marching in the Light of God"*

Charge and Benediction- **Amen**

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Please continue to pray and reach out to those in need, illness, those in mourning and those needing a listening ear or act of kindness. We are not face to face in worship at this time yet we can call, send cards and keep connected to others in Christian fellowship.

Thank you to all for planning to give your Homecoming Pledge . Homecoming is . Sunday, September 19. We are asking \$133 as a pledge. Third Street Presbyterian Church (USA) was established for God's Service 133 years ago.

Please send any other announcements to the Clerk of Session or Pastor to be shared with the congregation. Please send your prayer request to the Clerk or Pastor Reid to be shared at beginning of Worship and during prayers of the people.

Thank You Third Street for continuing to give your tithes and offerings during the pandemic supporting the mission and work of Christ at Third Street Church

The Session meeting was held and the Task Force to discuss reopening the church will meet today. The Task Force members are Elder Charlie Stroman, III, Elder Jeff Adams and Elder Carolyn Carter. Please send or share any of your suggestions of safe reopening of Third Street with one of these Elders or any session member or Pastor Reid.

If you have desire to become a member of Third Street Church in Christian Discipleship, please reach out to Pastor Reid or any member of the session. We will pray with you on your journey of faith. All are welcome here.

Peace & Global Witness Offering will be given September 5 - October 3, 2021 The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.



Happy Birthday to September Birthdays:

Sept. 1-Sheila Williams
Sept. 6- Bobbi Jordan
Sept.11- Carolyn Werts
Sept.15- Emma Clinton
Sept. 19- Jeraline Truesdale
Sept. 27- George Littlejohn

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