

Worship Service “ How do you Recalculate? ”

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

28th May 2023

Proverbs 4:1-9 CEV / Matthew 6:25-33 CEV

Prelude

Opening Music (Video) [Guide My Feet](#) African American Spiritual,

performed by the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn Choir at NYU, 2009.

Welcoming/Announcements

Good morning and welcome to worship on this Pentecost Sunday. We're happy to welcome our guest preacher Colleen Michael this morning. Colleen hails from Wenatchee and attends and serves the Baptist and Brethren church there, as well as being our former district executive for Oregon and Washington. It's good to have her with us this morning.

What other announcements do we have this morning?.....Let's share the joy and peace of Christ with each other

Pass the Peace

Let's stand as we're able and join together in our opening hymn

Opening Hymn *To God be the Glory* 102

Call to Worship/Invocation (in unison)

God we ask that you be in our heads this morning and in our understanding;
God we ask that you be in our eyes and in our looking; God we ask that you be in our voices as we sing praises to you; God we ask that you be in our hearts, this hour as we think together; God we ask that when it is time to leave this Holy place that you be with us in our “recalculating.” Amen

First Testament reading Proverbs 4:1-9 CEV

My child, listen closely to my teachings and learn common sense.

My advice is useful, so don't turn away.

When I was still very young and my mother's favorite child, my father said to me: “If you follow my teachings and keep them in mind you will live.

Be wise and learn good sense; remember my teachings and do what I say.

“If you love Wisdom and don't reject her, she will watch over you.

The best thing about Wisdom is Wisdom herself; good sense is more important than anything else.

If you value Wisdom and hold tightly to her, great honors will be yours.

It will be like wearing a glorious crown of beautiful flowers.”

A Time of Prayer

Joys and Concerns (resources) (Kristi)

We've come to our time to share our joys and concerns, and lift things together in prayer. What do we have to lift up this morning?....

Join me in prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with your love. Open our eyes to see the presence of God all around us, in the stillness of this sacred space, in the busyness and noise of our city streets, in the joys and celebrations of our lives, in the tragedies and struggles that break our hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit, and comfort those who grieve. Grant them the peace that only you can bring. Stir within us a trust in life beyond death, as we ponder the mysteries of Christ's resurrection and the hope we have in new and everlasting life.

Come, Holy Spirit, and bring wholeness to the sick. Strengthen those who are weak; heal the wounded and broken; give rest to the weary.

Come, Holy Spirit, and inspire our warring world to seek peace, to love our enemies, to put away our weapons, to remember the price paid for our freedom, to care for those who have served.

Come, Holy Spirit, and ignite a fire in our bones, a passion for justice that cannot be quenched until all of your children are loved, until no one is marginalized or oppressed, until everyone has the opportunity to thrive, until the world is transformed and renewed.

Come, Holy Spirit, and revive your church. Liberate us from complacency and apathy; inspire us with Christ's vision for a world reborn; help us to recognize our gifts for ministry and to use them in service of others; transform our hearts and our minds; fill us with love that overflows; remind us that there is no greater calling than to love you with all that we are and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Gracious God, give us a glimpse of your kingdom emerging around us and drawing us into the new things you are doing in the world.

It is for your kingdom that we now pray, filled with your Spirit, Amen

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:25-33 CEV

I tell you not to worry about your life. Don't worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear. Isn't life more than food or clothing?

Look at the birds in the sky! They don't plant or harvest. They don't even store grain in barns. Yet your Father in heaven takes care of them. Aren't you worth much more than birds?

Can worry make you live longer?

Why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow. They don't work hard to make their clothes.

But I tell you that Solomon with all his wealth wasn't as well clothed as one of them.

God gives such beauty to everything that grows in the fields, even though it is here today and thrown into a fire tomorrow. God will surely do even more for you! Why do you have such little faith?

Don't worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?"

Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows you need all of these.

But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be **yours as well**.

Message – *How do you Recalculate?* - Colleen Michael

Call to Serve

Pentecost people!
We have received gifts too numerous to count.
Now we have a chance to give in thanks and joy.
Your offering will enable this church
to be a Pentecost presence in this community
and the world—
to reach out in passionate commitment
and bring the wind and fire of the Spirit
to a people and a world that so desperately need it.

As we listen to the following interlude, let's give some thought as to how we might apply today's message to our lives in the coming weeks, as individuals, and as a community

A Time for Reflection

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blow the dust off our fears, Generous Spirit, so we might be more giving people. Blow the dust off our material gifts we think are so paltry, so we might realize how they can bring hope and life to others. Blow the dust off our mistaken views of others, so we might see them as our sisters and brothers, ready to grace us, even as we may bless them with these offerings. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn ***Renew Your Church*** **363**

Benediction (resources) (Kristi)

So now we leave this space of worship

And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain, the path constantly changing, we know some things that are as solid and sure as the ground beneath our feet, and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love. We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit this there, found in the space between all things, closer to us than our next breath, binding us to each other, until we meet we again,

Go in peace. Amen.

Postlude