

Announcements

The Difference Food Security Makes

In Haiti, global climate change has left many farmers struggling to support their families. For people in Haiti who make their living from the earth, recent unpredictable weather has had devastating consequences. *Presbyterian World Service & Development* is responding through an agroforestry program that helps farmers by providing seeds for black bean, pigeon pea and corn crops—seeds that are more resilient. Farmers learn sustainable field management and band together in savings groups to make their earnings go even further. Elimène Joseph, an entrepreneur and mother of four, shared her experience: “Before becoming a member, I struggled to make ends meet. The program is showing me how to pool my resources together with other farmers. In truth, I do not have enough words to express everything the organization has done for me.”

We pray for struggling farmers in the developing world whose livelihoods have been impacted by climate change and give thanks for programs supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development that help them.

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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are and
to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

From sunrise to sunset, **let us praise God's holy name.**

With the wisdom of the aged and the energy of the young,
let us praise God's holy name.

In our work and in our homes, **let us praise God's holy name.**

Let us praise the Lord with our whole hearts!
We will worship God now and always.

Hymn: **#435 All things bright and beautiful**

Opening Prayers

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, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

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Hymn: **#339 He's got the whole world in his hands**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

♪ *Open our hearts, open our minds.* ♪
Open our lives to you, O loving God. Open our hearts.

Readings: Revelation 21:1-5
Living Faith 8.3 (*responsive*)

Ministry of Music:

Reflection

Hymn: **#631 Jesus' hands were kind hands**

Our Response to God's Word

Offering

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creature high and low
Praise God in Jesus fully known
Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.* ♪
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Hymn: **#773 Jesus bids us shine**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following thoughts...

*"The righteous care for the needs of their animals, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel."
~ Proverbs 12:10*

*"The meanest animals are equally the children of God, because they were created of the original seed of the Word of God."
~ John Calvin*



Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-5 (NIV)

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth,"¹ for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' ⁵or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Responsive Reading: Living Faith 8.3

We bow before the mystery of God's love.
From it came our creation.
By it we are daily nurtured.
Through it we find salvation.
A consuming fire of purity, God's love
is yet warm and gentle compassion.

**We respond to the God who is love
by loving in return.**

Love means seeking the best for others
and is the mark of a Christian.
Love for God leads to love for others.

**We cannot claim to love God, whom we do not see,
if we hate those about us, whom we do see.
Love of God and of neighbour fulfills the law of God.**

Love is compassion for creation.
Love is the service of others and is not self-centred.
Love speaks the truth tempered with kindness.
Love grows in knowledge and discernment.

**It is the road to Christian maturity, and is
the way of seeing others as God sees them.
Love follows the example of Jesus Christ.**

We should also love ourselves.
Self-love is not selfishness.

**We love and accept ourselves because
God has already loved and accepted us in Christ,
providing the foundation of our sense of worth.**

Love is the greatest gift in the world
because it will last beyond this world
and is supremely pleasing to our Lord.

Love foreshadows life in heaven.