



Welcome to Wilton Presbyterian Church

July 25, 2021

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We are glad that you found us and that you are here. We are a progressive, welcoming and inclusive congregation seeking both to know Christ and to make Christ known to people from all walks of life. We pray that we will become better acquainted with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King
Arr. Judy East Wells

Lisa Bettke

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Laurie McKnight

Leader: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your faithful shall bless You.

People: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and tell of Your power,

Leader: to make known to all people Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all words, and gracious in all deeds.

Leader: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

People: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Leader: You open Your hand, Lord, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

People: The LORD is just in all ways, and is kind in all doings.

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call, to all who call out in truth.

All: The Lord is gracious, giving us food in due season, and satisfying our every desire. It is right to give God thanks and praise. Let us worship God!

from Psalm 145: 10-18

*** OPENING HYMN #263** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Creator God and sustainer of the hungry, like a mother You long to feed Your children until each is satisfied. Turn our eyes to You alone, that, aware of our own deepest longings, we will reach out with Christ to feed others with the miracle of Your love. In your compassionate love, O Christ, you nourish us with the words of life and the bread of blessing. Calm our fears, Jesus, and move our hearts to praise Your goodness by sharing our bread with others. Redeeming, ever-present and moving Holy Spirit, visit Your people and pour out Your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make You welcome, not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Ratcliffe

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-14

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so

many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

SERMON

ANTHEM

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Arr. Jason Tonioli

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Marianne Wilson

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 and ever.
Amen!

***CLOSING HYMN #463**

How Firm a Foundation

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Arr. Mark Hayes



Rev. Dr. Laurie McKnight received M.Div. and Th.M. degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a D.Min. degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She has led Presbyterian churches in Heuvelton and Lisbon, NY, and in Maysville, KY. She has most recently worked as a hospice chaplain in KY, and a hospital chaplain at Yale New Haven and Lawrence + Memorial Hospitals.

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