



Welcome to Wilton Presbyterian Church

August 1, 2021

10TH 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

Come Christians, Join to Sing
Arr. Mark Hayes

Zachary Wright

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Grorud

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Bread of Life."

People: But we struggle with what that means.

Leader: Bread stops hunger.

People: We acknowledge that there is a hunger in our lives, O Lord. We pray for that forgiveness and transformation of our lives that only you can give.

Leader: Bread sustains us.

People: In our day to day lives, we ask for your loving presence, O God. Strengthen our faith, bless our families, encourage us in our relationships.

Leader: Bread brings energy.

People: Energize us, Lord, to be witnesses to your presence in the world. Help us to be the bread for others. Encourage us to be servants of those who have no bread to eat.

All: In all that we say and do, as we work and as we play, as we rest and as we worship, may Christ, who is the Bread of Life, be seen in us. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

When this symbol () precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit*

* OPENING PRAYER

Dear Lord of Every Blessing: We acknowledge that you are the giver of every good gift in our lives: you bring gifts of forgiveness and mercy when we don't deserve or perhaps even think we need it. You bring gifts of compassion when we are hurting. You bring gifts of love overflowing in every corner of our lives.

Open our eyes to all of these gifts of grace. Help us to see and to understand that you are present in our lives, that you are working in our lives to encourage and change us for the better; that your Spirit enfolds us in love at every moment.

As we worship today, bless our time together. Help us to acknowledge our need to be here, and to give thanks for this community of faith that surrounds and upholds us.

Bless us this day. Continue to be the Bread of Life that sustains, and encourages, and energizes us as people of faith. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jim Dormer

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

GOSPEL READING

John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

SERMON

ANTHEM

Grace
Arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jock Wright

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 #533

In the Singing

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord
Arr. Charles Callahan





Rev. Mark Grorud has served for over 40 years as an ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a full-communion partner with the Presbyterian Church. Pastor Mark and his wife, Caryl, moved from Nebraska three years ago to be close to their daughter, son-in-law and four grandchildren in Wilton. Pastor Mark is currently called to serve as a consultant to the Immanuel Vision Foundation, a Lutheran charitable foundation located in Omaha, for which he commutes on a regular basis back to Omaha.



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