

Worship for July 31, 2022

Guest Liturgist, Commissioned Lay Pastor, Lisa Schoonover

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We come here today not because we are clever

People: but because God welcomes the slow learners.

Liturgist: We come here not because we are wise,

People: but because God loves us in spite of our folly.

Liturgist: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found
among those who humbly serve like Jesus did,

**People: and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come
from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.**

Liturgist: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts
and enable our lives to declare your praise.

OPENING HYMN "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" GtG 722

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Liturgist: Lord, I am not perfect. My mouth is just a little too slick and my soul is just a
little too sick and tired of stumbling.

People: Lord, we're made in your likeness.

Liturgist: I keep falling because sometimes my tongue gets in the way. I know right from
wrong, but sometimes my tongue gets the best of me.

People: Lord, we're made in your likeness.

Liturgist: It starts arguments and ignites fires that not even the firefighters can
extinguish. My tongue, this sword of fire, has become an instrument of life and death.

People: Lord, we're made in your likeness.

Liturgist: "If you want it, you can come and get some," is my attitude. I am a Samurai. I
am not the first, nor am I the last. I tried to put this all in my past, but it presently keeps
finding itself in my future.

People: Lord, we're made in your likeness.

Liturgist: I don't want to keep living this way. I am ready to lay down my sword and shield to study war no more, but it's hard. People keep coming for me when I never sent for them.

All: Lord, I am your child and I need you. Please help me control my tongue because we praise you and curse our brothers and sisters with the same tongue. And this should not be. Thanks be to God we are forgiven! Amen.

RESPONSE : "Here I Am Lord" (verse 1) GtG 69

THE PEACE

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(From your seat, a brief sign of peace may be shared)

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Liturgist: Father God, thank you for loving us in spite of us. Please open our hearts and minds to what we are going to hear so that we can respond in the way you would want us to respond. We love you God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: James 3: 1-12

SERMON: What Do You Speak?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Katy Nichole's song, *In Jesus Name (The God of Possible)* YouTube audio only.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

People: God, hear our prayer. Please respond after each prayer concern.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (TRADITIONAL)

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. Amen.

REFLECTION MUSIC

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist: God of blessings. Thank you for blessing us so that we can bless others monetarily and with the words that we speak. We ask your blessing on this offering. In Jesus Name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” GtG 738

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Liturgist:

The Spirit of God inspires...

listen!

The Spirit of God transforms...

grow!

The Spirit of God empowers...

go...and be... and do!

and may you...

those you encounter...

and those who are touched beyond that encounter...

discover and know the grace, love, and peace of God

each and every day.

Amen

POSTLUDE

Charge and Blessing with permission, by Scott Cervas, pastor at Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church, Lexington KY, via LiturgyLink

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*PASTOR BILL will be returning to the office on Tuesday, August 2 after his vacation.

*FRIDAY: YOGA CLASS, 8:00-9:00 am in the narthex.

*AUGUST 14 Pastor Bill's joint Installation Service will be held on Sunday, August 14th at **3:00 pm at the Pacific Presbyterian Church.**

*INSTALLATION SERVICE SIGN UP on the table in the narthex.

*SECOND BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY in the lower level of our church is in need of strong people who can lift heavy boxes. Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays—any amount of time is appreciated. Please call Becki Gillihan at 314-713-2635 and leave a voice message or text message.

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Phil Clarkson, Pam Hinson (August 1)

*HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to: Phil and Dorothy Clarkson (August 2)