Atascocita Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023

Prelude Carl Braden

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Youth

God, we are gathered here, uniquely in all of history; we, a particular people, in this singular time and place.
Accomplish your purposes among us, O God.
Tune our hearts to the voice of your Spirit.
Wake us to be present to you and to one another in these shared hours we are given.
For it is you, O Lord, who have so gathered us from our various places,
And you alone who know our hearts and our needs.
Among us are some who arrive anxious, some who are lonely, some who suffer pain or sorrow.
May we in our joys find grace to enter the sorrows of others.
Among us are some who are arriving rejoicing, hearts made light by good news, good health, and glad anticipation.,
May we in our sorrows find grace to embrace the joys of others.
Let us prize these moments and care for one another deeply – for each of us, and our relationships to one another, are precious and fleeting.
Amen.

✝**Hymn No. 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Congregation

Call to Confession Youth

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence.

Time for Silent Personal Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.
We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.
We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Youth

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.
Alleluia! Amen.

✝**GLORIA PATRI**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

✝**PEACE OF CHRIST** Youth
The peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Jesus Loves Me! (vs 1)* Aaron Seay

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 12:1-9 (NRSV) Youth
Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that
I will show you. 2I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you
will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the
families of the earth shall be blessed."
4So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he
departed from Haran. 5Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they
had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of
Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,
6Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were
in the land. 7Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built
there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. 8From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of
Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to
the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. 9And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

After the Reading:
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

✝**HYMN NO. 14** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Congregation

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Aaron Seay

OFFERTORY *Lord of the Small* Taryn Hemsing

✝**DOXOLOGY** Congregation

✝**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Aaron Seay

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 4:13-25 (NRSV) Aaron Seay
For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the
law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null
and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16For
this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his
descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the
father of all of us,
17as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he
believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18Hoping against hope,
he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall
your descendants be." 19He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as
good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's
womb. 20No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave
glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22Therefore his faith "was
reckoned to him as righteousness."

[23]Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, [24]but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, [25]who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NRSV) Aaron Seay

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. [10]And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. [11]When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" [12]But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. [13]Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."
[18]While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." [19]And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. [20]Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, [21]for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." [22]Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. [23]When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, [24]he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. [25]But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. [26]And the report of this spread throughout that district.
After the Reading:
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Thanks be to God.

SERMON Aaron Seay

✝**HYMN NO. 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory* Congregation

✝**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Aaron Seay

✝**CLOSING RESPONSE HYMN** *"May the Lord Go With You"* Congregation

May the Lord go with you,
Let him take your hand.
Keep his love within you
Until we meet again. Amen.

POSTLUDE Carl Braden

✝All who are able may stand
Bold print indicates Congregation participation

Sunday Morning Worship Leaders
Aaron Seay, Youth Director
Youth, Liturgist
Aaron Seay, Children's Moment
Taryn Hemsing, Music Leader
Carl Braden, Pianist
Nam Arnold, Rob Arnold, Ryan Lewis: Sound Booth Personnel

Sunday's Faith Formation Classes

- **9:15 am** Doug Kennard's class meets in the library. Study and discussion of Doug's book, *Petrine Theology*. Discussion open to new topics to explore in late August and the fall.
- **9:20 am** Shelley's class will return Sunday, September 3.
- **9:30 am** Children's Faith Formation (grades 1 through 5) will return Sunday, August, 6.
- **9:30 am** The nursery is open during the Faith Formation hour as well as worship hour for children not yet in first grade.
- **11:45 am** Youth group will return Sunday, August 6.

Narthex News

APC 11:45 am Youth Group – on summer vacation through July 30.

APC Summer Camps is calling for youth volunteers to fulfill the role of camp shepherds! APC youth provide support for each camper during all activities. The shepherds ensure campers are in the correct place, assist in moving within the church, and assist with projects. Youth in middle school or high school are encouraged to share in these days of fun and learning. Shepherds are only required to be available from 9 am until 12:30 pm on camp days, Tuesday through Thursday, June 13-15 and 20-22. Choose any or all days that work with your schedule. Friends welcome! Please contact Terri Thomson or Lisa Stacy (apcchildrenscommittee@apchumble.org) or speak with either one anytime you see them at church.

Presbyterian Women Summer Meeting, Wednesday June 14, 11:30 am. Please bring a simple dish or salad to share along with fellowship time in the library from 11:30 until 1 pm. There is no planned study lesson in the summer but please bring your suggestions about topics of interest to discuss.

Seniors and Friends lunch, Thursday, June 15, 11:30 am. Meet at Azul Agave TexMex, 20669 Lake Houston Pkwy, 77346. RSVP to Bonnie Carr (bncrr1@gmail.com).

Game Day for Grownups!, DATE CHANGE, Friday, June 23, 11:30 am. Gather for a potluck lunch and fellowship in the fellowship hall and stay for games of Mexican Train or Bingo. For more information, please contact Terri Parmerlee (tmparmerlee@gmail.com).

Empty Nesters, Tuesday, June 27, 6 pm. Pat Litzinger has opened her home (2115 Misty River Trl, 77345) for friends to gather for fellowship. Please bring your beverages and an appetizer (home-made or store-bought) to share. RSVP to Ellen Nipe (281-812-4600).

GATE Workdays. No date yet – stay tuned. When the weather allows us and the ground dries, we plan to refresh the GATE area. Crushed granite will be delivered to re-top the walking trails and stage area. A tractor will be rented to spread the granite but a lot of help will be needed to spread and level areas the tractor cannot reach. Workdays for a Friday and Saturday will be planned soon.

Pastoral Care. In case of emergency, please contact your deacon or elder for June, contact Terri Thomson (713-205-0115).

Check the APC website (apchumble.org) for any updates.

Calendar

Sunday 6/11
9:15 am Doug's Faith Formation class – library
9:30 am Nursery during FF and worship hours (not yet in first grade) – nursery
9:30 am Chancel Choir practice - sanctuary
10:30 am Worship – Boxcast and sanctuary
12:00 pm Facilities Committee – classroom 102

Monday 6/12
Summer Camp preparations – classroom 104
9:30 am Yoga – fellowship hall
7:00 pm Commitment Committee - Zoom

Tuesday 6/13
Summer Camp preparations – classroom 104
9:00 am Summer Camp for kids - classrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen, narthex
10:00 am Mission Crafters – craft room
5:00 pm Children's Ministry – classroom 102

Wednesday 6/14
Summer Camp preparations – classroom 104
9:00 am Summer Camp for kids - classrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen, narthex
11:30 am PW Summer Meeting - library

Thursday 6/15
Summer Camp preparations – classroom 104
9:00 am Summer Camp for kids - classrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen, narthex
11:30 am Seniors and Friends – Azul Agave
2:00 pm Deacon Meeting - library

Friday 6/16
Summer Camp preparations – classroom 104

Saturday 6/17
Summer Camp preparations – classroom 104

Sunday 6/18 Father's Day
9:15 am Doug's Faith Formation class – library
9:30 am Nursery during FF and worship hours (not yet in first grade) – nursery
9:30 am Chancel Choir practice - sanctuary
10:30 am Worship – Boxcast and sanctuary

Prayers of the People

We lift prayers to the Lord for friends and family:

- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, and in other parts of the world.
- Victims, families, and communities affected by gun violence.
- Michael Burgos, continued treatment. Strength and peace for Grace and the family.
- Jerry Sessions, health concerns.
- Dominique Cousin, Chef Adrian's wife, for continued health improvements as she battles MS.
- Peace and comfort for Kevin, Michelle, Sarah, and Laura Bennett.
- Ann Owen, health concerns.
- Tom Olson, health concerns.
- Petra, friend of Heather Pritchett, enduring significant complications during cancer treatment.
- Prayers of comfort for family and friends of Ed Hinson, family friend of Will and Charis Nees, in hospice. Prayers of thanksgiving for a wonderful life well lived and comfort for the family.
- Robby Owen, Ann's son, health concerns.
- Jacob and Stacy McCool, Elaine's son and daughter-in-law, health concerns.
- Summer Campers, helpers, and teachers for exciting learning and fun fellowship.
- Eric Lagergren, Emily Murphy's friend, health issues.
- Todd Murphy, Emily's son, recovering from surgery.
- Charles Andrus, Gene's brother, recovery from car accident.
- Victims and survivors of the train derailment in India.
- Travel mercies to those who have begun summer vacations.
- Nikki Lederer, Paul and Carol Curtis' daughter, getting a pacemaker.
- Joe Weir, knee replacement June 15.
- Sine McCarty, Betsy Gould, Anne Wallace, Garland McCarthy, Helen Wirt