Worship @ Home Guide - Oct 4, 2020

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Woodstock Presbyterian Church, 142 E. Court St., Woodstock, VA 22664



RECONNECT

Gathering Music/Announcements

Ososo (Come Now, O Prince of Peace), Glory to God #103 in Korean

Welcome

Call to Worship - Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia

Opening Prayer - Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, Uniting Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa

Hymn -This Is My Song, Glory to God #340

In light of the Covid-19 global pandemic, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program embarked on this project to bring together a global virtual choir of peacemakers, including past International Peacemakers and their hosts, participants in our Travel Study Seminars and Mosaic of Peace Conferences in Israel and Palestine, and friends and colleagues of our Program. As we join our voices in song, we join our hearts and efforts in a continuing and resolute desire for peace in and between every land. "So hear my song, o God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine."

READ

Moment for Children

Scripture Reading Psalm 19:1-14

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours forth speech,
 - and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words;

their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

- ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
- the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
 the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
- ⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
- ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless,
 - and innocent of great transgression.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

REFLECT

Musical Reflection - "Ang Mga Tawo Sa Kalibutan" (The People in the World)

Philippines, original language, Tagalog- a hymn composed by the late SUDS faculty member, Elena G. Maquiso, challenges us, followers of Jesus Christ, to rise up and do the work of God amidst the conflicts, injustices, chaos and tribulations faced by the world today. #SkepseSUDS "SKEPSE" (Greek for meditation and contemplation) continues with the sharing of prayers, songs, hymns, and poems originally-written by alumni and students. These weekly posts contain messages of encouragement rooted in the Christian faith and drawn from critical thinking with the aim to bring a clearer understanding and interpretation of an occurring phenomenon. Through this initiative, the Silliman University Divinity School concretizes its pursuit of journeying with the people, even in the face of a worldwide crisis.

Prayers of the People

O Lord our God,

so much seems to be wrong in your vineyard. You gift us with space and work, fellow tenants and an abundant harvest, but we too often refuse to recognize the joy of your call and the beauty of your creation. We want more or other, better or bigger, that which belongs to you or our neighbors. We injure those you send to correct and restore us. We refuse to heed your life-giving law and even attempt to silence the Word made flesh.

Help us, holy One, to treasure the gifts you give us, tend the resources you entrust to us and work to heal the hurt we so readily inflict.

O Lord our God,

hear our cries of lament for the injustice so rampant in your world. You came to release the captives and set the oppressed free. You weep when your prophets are killed and your call to repent unheard. Grant us the courage to be repairers of the breach, those who restore our city streets. Bring justice. Bring peace. Make us embodiments of your perfect love that casts out fear. O Lord our God, silence in us any voice but yours.

As the chorus of divisive rhetoric rings in our ears and hate-filled speech gets amplified, send your Spirit to give your people the right words at the right time to proclaim good news for all people. Do not let us remain silent when we are called to give voice to your will. Do not let us open our mouths when our words do not reflect the Word of grace and truth. O Lord our God,

open our eyes to see you present, at work,

creating a future where all your children are valued, respected,

fed and free to fulfill with joy your purposes for them.

Give us a holy imagination that enables us to envision your vision and dream your dreams with such tenacity that we cannot help but enact your will.

O Lord our God,

break our hearts in ways that move us to compassion,

enliven our empathy and help us emulate the love of Christ.

May those who feel dismissed know of your delight in them.

May those who feel lonely know of your presence with them.

May those who feel despair know your resurrection hope.

May those who feel shattered by this time and current events know your healing power.

May we, your body, the church,

be made through the work of the Spirit the answer

to the prayers of your people.

We make our prayer in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray, Our Father...

RESPOND

Sacrament – Communion

The Bread of Life And Cup of Salvation, for you...

RETURN

Charge & Benediction

Sending Hymn – Ososo (Come Now, O Prince of Peace), Glory to God #103 in Korean

Come, now O Prince of Peace; make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people. Come, now O God of love; make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people. Come now and set us free; O God, our Savior. Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people. Come, now hope of unity; make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

Hymns from Glory to God.

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