

## Peace Presbyterian Church

July 31, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.; 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

**Join us in person in our sanctuary or online via Zoom!**

**Here's how to join the Zoom call, starting at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday:**

Option #1--Go to this web address <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83806982875>

Option #2--Call into the meeting on any telephone line Dial 1-646-558-8656.

When prompted, enter the meeting ID which is **838 0698 2875** and then hit the # key.

Pause for a moment and when the voice asks for your participant number, hit just the # key to join. (you do not need any additional numbers)

**Weekly Group Prayer Opportunities Resume in August!**

**Prayer Group:** Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**Midday Prayer Service:** Wednesdays at Noon, in the Sanctuary or Online via Zoom.

Meeting ID is 980 5593 4305

**Called Session Meeting** today at 12:20 pm in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.

**Happy Hour**

Did you know that we still have a group that meets on Zoom to check in and share fellowship on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.? Come to Happy Hour using Zoom Meeting ID 937 2097 1265

**Pastor Becky's Overview of the Bible Dinner and Class**

Wednesday, August 17; 5:45-8:00 p.m.

Dinner: 5:45-6:25 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (order a boxed dinner from Panera for \$12 or bring your own).

Class: 6:30-8:00 in the Sanctuary and on Zoom

To sign up for the class and/or order dinner, contact the church at 910-488-3211 or fill out this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/wV3MoyKyeHs9rBFd6>

**Back to School Blessing**

On Sunday, August 28, we will have our Back to School Blessing at Peace. All of our students (all ages and grades), faculty, staff, and educators from any school, college, or university will be recognized and prayed for during a special time in the service. If you won't be with us in person, or if you have loved ones headed back to school that you'd like us to pray for, please send information to [pastor@peacepcnc.org](mailto:pastor@peacepcnc.org).

**Giving Statements** – Giving statements as of 6/30/2022 are in alphabetical order on the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Walt Swing. Thank you.

**Produce Table**

There's a table in the narthex at the church where you can leave and/or take produce this summer. If you're growing a garden and would like to share from your overflow, please do!

**Volunteers Needed** - We are inviting volunteers to sign up for staffing the nursery in August and September. You will find the date sheet with information on the table near the offering plate.

The dates are: August 14, 21, 28, September: 4, 11, 18, 25. Thank you for considering it!

**Sunday, July 24 Attendance: 30 total (20 in person, 10 on zoom)**

**Offering for July 24: \$925.00**

**Total Offering for July: \$13,306.80**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Becky Durham

## PRELUDE

Dedra Culbreth

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Karen Smith

ONE: O let us give thanks to the Lord,

**ALL: For the love of God will never end.**

ONE: Let us who love God be unashamed to declare it,

**ALL: Because God has answered our cries for help.**

ONE: The Lord our God has met our every need,

**ALL: We will therefore proclaim the love of the Lord!**

### \*OPENING HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Dedra Culbreth

Presbyterian Blue Hymnal #473 v. 1, 2, 5

*For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,*

*For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light, (Refrain)*

#### **Refrain**

**Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

*For Thy church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love, (Refrain)*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Becky Durham

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev. Becky Durham

Merciful Father, we bring to you our inept and evil ways, and place the troublesome burden of frustration, disappointment, regret and guilt in your hands. Please wash the grime and infection from our wounds, and anoint us with the salve of forgiveness. Take us gently by the chin and lift up our faces so that we can look up into the face of Christ Jesus without shame or fear. With Him let us recover our authentic humanity and face all coming challenges with his quiet strength and optimism. This we pray in the name of your Most Holy Son.

(We pause to offer silent reflection and confession.)

### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Rev. Becky Durham

ONE: Family of God, lift up your spirits with thanksgiving to God who is full of mercy. Through Christ Jesus our Savior you are forgiven! All things have become new!

**ALL: We give thanks to God who is so good, whose love goes on forever! Amen.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be! World without end, Amen, Amen!*

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

Karen Smith

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Rev. Becky Durham**

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 5:1-20 Rev. Becky Durham**

<sup>1</sup>Guard your steps when you go to the house of God; to draw near to listen is better than the sacrifice offered by fools, for they do not know how to keep from doing evil. <sup>2</sup>Never be rash with your mouth nor let your heart be quick to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you upon earth; therefore let your words be few. <sup>3</sup>For dreams come with many cares, and a fool's voice with many words. <sup>4</sup>When you make a vow to God, do not delay fulfilling it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Fulfill what you vow. <sup>5</sup>It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not fulfill it. <sup>6</sup>Do not let your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake; why should God be angry at your words and destroy the work of your hands? <sup>7</sup>With many dreams come vanities and a multitude of words, but fear God. <sup>8</sup>If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and right, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. <sup>9</sup>But all things considered, this is an advantage for a land: a king for a plowed field. <sup>10</sup>The lover of money will not be satisfied with money, nor the lover of wealth with gain. This also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, those who eat them increase, and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of laborers, whether they eat little or much, but the abundance of the rich will not let them sleep. <sup>13</sup>There is a grievous ill that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owners to their hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture; though they are parents of children, they have nothing in their hands. <sup>15</sup>As they came from their mother's womb, so they shall go again, naked as they came; they shall take nothing for their toil that they may carry away with their hands. <sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous ill: just as they came, so shall they go, and what gain do they have from toiling for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Besides, all their days they eat in darkness, in much anger and sickness and resentment. <sup>18</sup>This is what I have seen to be good: it is fitting to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of the life God gives us, for this is our lot. <sup>19</sup>Likewise, all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For they will scarcely brood over the days of their lives because God keeps them occupied with the joy of their hearts.

**Pastor:** The word of God for the people of God.

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

### **SERMON "Living Wisely before God"**

**Rev. Becky Durham**

1. Approach God with Respect and Awe
2. Receive Power and Wealth with Humility
3. Be Content with What has Been Given

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

**“Enough”**

**Nancy Miller**

Tom Eccleshall, Elias Dummer, Jeff Johnson CCLI Song No. 7110035© Capitol CMG Paragon, KXC Publishing, sixsteps Music, Thankyou Music, [worshiptogether.com](http://worshiptogether.com) songs

*I am not what I make, I am who you have made me to be  
I am not what I've done, I am loved unconditionally  
I am not loved by the measure of love that I bring  
I am not who I know, I am known by the king of all kings*

**(CHORUS)**

**Jesus, You are enough  
Jesus, You are enough for me  
With nothing, I still have everything  
Jesus, You are enough for me**

*You are maker made visible, holding the world in your hands  
You are patient and merciful, giver of grace without end  
Satisfied simply by being who You've always been  
You are infinite love and You prove it again and again (CHORUS x2)*

*In You, I am created  
In You, I am sustained  
With You, I am resurrected  
You overcame the grave  
  
With You, I stand in victory  
Now what else could I need?  
With You, I want for nothing  
Jesus, my everything (CHORUS x2)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Question 1**

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A: Our only comfort, in life and death, is that we belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our Father in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**\*INVITATION TO RESPOND WITH GENEROSITY**

**Rev. Becky Durham**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Rev. Becky Durham**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Dedra Culbreth**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Rev. Becky Durham**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Rev. Becky Durham**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Becky Durham

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 glory forever. Amen.

## \*CLOSING HYMN

### *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Dedra Culbreth

Presbyterian Blue Hymnal #339, v. 1-3 (all)

*Be Thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me,  
save that Thou art—  
Thou my best thought,  
by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping,  
Thy presence my light*

*Riches I heed not,  
nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always:  
Thou and Thou only,  
first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven,  
my treasure Thou art.*

*Be Thou my wisdom,  
and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and  
Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
Still be my vision,  
O Ruler of all.*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Becky Durham

## \*POSTLUDE