



Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 20, 2020 | 10:00 am

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

Call to Worship

Wes Avram

Opening Hymn

God is Here!

1 God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Call to Confession

O Christ, Surround Me
Small Group

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Michael Hegeman

Holy God, we call to you, eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Restore your image in us when we fail to recognize you in our daily lives. Encourage us, when fear and shame clench tightly around our hearts. Guide our way when doubt invades our hopefulness. Teach us your truth when we shy away from your wisdom. In the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us, around us, and in us. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities of each day, to live honestly, to act with integrity, and to speak with the love we know in Jesus Christ. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (silence)

* Congregational Response

Blessings from God

Blessings from God will rain down and will overtake you when you heed the voice of the Lord.
People all over the earth will share in your love for the name of the one Holy God.

God's blessings be over your coming,
God's blessings be over your going.
May the Lord lovingly bless the fruits of all your living,
the fruits of all earth's bounty.
May the Lord bless you with peace

* Passing of the Peace		Hillary Mackowski
Children's Message		Hillary Mackowski
Mission Connection		Wes Avram
Anthem	Psalm 131 Small Group	Jeffrey Van

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a child quieted at its mother's breast;
Like a child that is quieted is my soul.
O Israel, O hope is the Lord from this time,
from this time forth and forevermore.

Scripture	Acts 23:1-11	Wes Avram
Sermon	Called to Be - Part 4: <i>Conscience as an Angel</i>	Wes Avram

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison) Michael Hegeman
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.

Offertory Musical Offering	<i>Here Comes the Sun</i> Grant Sobek, piano	arr. G. Sobek
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* Doxology (unison, *Old Hundredth*)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

* Closing Hymn *Be Thou My Vision*

1 Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught 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.

2 Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and
thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and
thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.

3 High King of Heaven,
my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Charge

Wes Avram

* **Sending Music**

Marche Solennelle
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

A. Maily

Weekly Message

Wes Avram

* Please rise, lift your head, lift your arms, or lift your spirit.

About the Music

“*Here Comes the Sun*” is a song by the English rock band, the Beatles, from their 1969 album Abbey Road. It was written by George Harrison and is one of his best-known compositions for the Beatles. Harrison wrote the song in early 1969 at the country house of his friend Eric Clapton, where Harrison had chosen to play truant for the day to avoid attending a meeting. The lyrics reflect his relief at the arrival of spring and the temporary respite he was experiencing from the band’s business affairs. As of September 2019, it was the most streamed Beatles song in the United Kingdom, with over 50 million plays. Given our current pandemic restraints, I’m sure we all look forward to a time when the clouds break and the sun comes shining through!

Notes of Interest

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family of Evelyn Grayson as they mourn her loss.

Scripture

Acts 23:1-11

1 While Paul was looking intently at the council he said, “Brothers, up to this day I have lived my life with a clear conscience before God.” 2 Then the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near him to strike him on the mouth. 3 At this Paul said to him, “God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting there to judge me according to the law, and yet in violation of the law you order me to be struck?” 4 Those standing nearby said, “Do you dare to insult God’s high priest?” 5 And Paul said, “I did not realize, brothers, that he was high priest; for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a leader of your people.’”

6 When Paul noticed that some were Sadducees and others were Pharisees, he called out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am on trial concerning the hope of the resurrection of the dead.” 7 When he said this, a dissension began between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. 8 (The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, or angel, or spirit; but the Pharisees acknowledge all three.) 9 Then a great clamor arose, and certain scribes of the Pharisees’ group stood up and contended, “We find nothing wrong with this man. What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?” 10 When the dissension became violent, the tribune, fearing that they would tear Paul to pieces, ordered the soldiers to go down, take him by force, and bring him into the barracks.

11 That night the Lord stood near him and said, “Keep up your courage! For just as you have testified for me in Jerusalem, so you must bear witness also in Rome.”