



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

235 South Main Street, Woodstock, Virginia 22664

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2020

Feel free to follow the order of worship below, clicking on the links for music, the children's moment, and a virtual video of the spoken parts of the service, including the sermon. Note: links for music can be accessed by "right clicking" on the link. Songs from YouTube may have ads. Please know that we have no interest (financial or otherwise) in what is being advertised. Please skip as you are able.

In this time of COVID19, the gifts that you share of your time, your financial resources, and yourself are valuable and much needed ways to worship. Your offering of money may be dropped off at the church office during regular office hours, mailed to the church office, or given by PayPal or Realm through the link on our website <http://www.woodstockucc.com/>

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Link to the service: <https://youtu.be/iRNQKd5TLAc>

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

"Mercy is the golden chain by which society is bound together." ~ William Blake

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC

"Jesus Calls Us"

<https://youtu.be/LtW8OIUDTke>

OPENING PRAYER

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of All, we confess that we have made idols of wealth, notoriety, and other worldly measures of success. As these idols are crashing down around us, we are losing hope, losing joy, losing faith. But You are the God above all. You are the One who leads us into Your reign, a kingdom not of this world. You are the one who shows us how to truly live, by loving our neighbors as ourselves. Lead us into the true faith, O God, through Jesus Christ Your Son, who lived for us, who died for us, and lives again, teaching us to live into Your ways of love, justice, mercy, and peace. In these ways, we worship and live the true, abundant life You intended for us, now and into eternity. Amen and Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

"Good Words"

<https://youtu.be/4iKeT1dq-As>

ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision"
Played by Emily Koon

Broughton

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

read by Abbe Kennedy

SERMON

“Living Messages”

<https://youtu.be/iRNQKd5TLAc>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (including silent prayer and the Lord’s Prayer)

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Note: *Please continue to support the church with your regular giving. Checks can be sent to the church office. You can also give via PayPal or Realm links on the church website <http://www.woodstockucc.com/>*

OFFERING DEDICATION

Gracious God, receive the gift of our lives, our resources, and of our service to carry your love from this place to a world in need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.

TO GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

MUSIC

“When We All Get to Heaven”

<https://youtu.be/6ClwsynwVrI>

*** BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Resources: Worship Ways, Ministry Matters and Re:Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

PASTORAL VISITS:

Pastor Anne would be delighted to meet for socially-distanced porch, patio, or park visits. If you or someone you know might appreciate a visit, please let her know by email stppastor@shentel.net or call the church office (540) 459-3643.

REMINDERS: October 19 – 7:00 p.m. 30-Minutes Theology (Men) ?
20 – 7:00 p.m. Worship and Music Team meeting
22 – Budget Team meeting (work on 2021 budget)
22 – 4:00 p.m. Sacred Seasons

Kola Class: Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am. Join in the discussion and fellowship about upcoming sermon texts and what God might be saying to us through Bible texts on Zoom.

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

Oct. 22 - Meg Trott
24 - Faye Cullers
24 - Annette Petrick
25 - Mary Payne

ANNIVERSARIES for this weekend:

17 – Ricky & Patty Dellinger

E-MAILS & Phone Numbers

Office email: spoffice@shentel.net
Pastor's: stppastor@shentel.net
St. Paul's phone (540) 459-3643
Rev. Anne's phone (808) 282-4631
Address: 740 Jackson St., Woodstock

PRAYERS and CARDS

Susan Brill
Dorothy Corder
Martin Cullers
Carol Czarneski (Anne's sister)
Dr. Jerry Germroth
Randy and Valorie Hockman
The family of Jerry Lambert
Wes Irvin
Jake Johnson
Daniel Rohne Kasten
Marcie Lambert

Nora Long
Connie Mantz
Cheri May
Jane McEwen (Anne's sister)
Spencer McIntosh
Jessie Payne
Linnea & Randy Smith
Jack Sullivan
Pete Wright
Rev. Clara Young

Prayers for peace and unity for our great
country
Prayers for the people during the wildfires

Prayers for the families of the 59 people
who have died in Shenandoah County
from COVID-19