

Service for the Lord's Day

October 3, 2021 11:00 a.m.
19th Sunday after Pentecost



New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. You will see our current Communion instructions in the Sunday Announcements section of the bulletin. We choose from a selection of several different kinds of bread (including gluten-free crackers) coming from various cultures in order to evoke the diversity of God's people, and our grape juice is non-alcoholic. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please place a welcome card in the offering plate.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Prelude on "Kilmarnock"

arr. Robert Fielding

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Our God who is
Our Creator God

Our Heavenly Father and Mother

**Bless us with discomfort at easy answers,
half-truths and superficial relationships.**

Bless us with anger at injustice,
oppression and exploitation of people.

**Bless us with tears to shed
for those who suffer from pain,
rejection, starvation and war.**

Bless us with enough foolishness
to believe that we can make a difference in this world.

**In the name of the one God
Who Creates, Saves and Sustains
Us in the power of Divine Love.**

*Hymn 340

"This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

Call to Confession

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.
In the knowledge of God's mercy,

**we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.
in the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.

In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death.

You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace.

We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful.

In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 583

"Glory to God"

GLORIA

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD

*Hymn #25	"O Lord, Our God, How Excellent"	WINCHESTER OLD
Prayer for Illumination		
Reading from the Old Testament	Genesis 2:18-24	(O.T., p. 2)
Reading from the New Testament	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	(N.T., p. 218)
Message	"Not Good to be Alone"	Douglas Ensminger

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Choral Anthem	"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"	William Sterndale Bennett
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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Hymn #569	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	SANCTUS
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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 526	"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"	LINSTEAD
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*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn 564	"Amen"	AMEN
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Postlude	Postlude on "Old Hundredth"	arr. Fred Bock
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Depart in Peace

*Please stand as you are able.

Household Prayer: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sunday Announcements

A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Our liturgist today is: **Mike Hudson**

Prayer Requests

Prayers for: Susan Durant who is recovering from a recent stroke; Kriis Zeps who is recovering from hip surgery; Rue Wallace would like continued prayers for his eyesight to be restored; the family of Kevin Eddy's cousin, Lynn Wesley Withrow of Belpre, OH, who passed away from Covid-19.

These prayer requests were posted by the community on the whiteboard in front of the church:

- People of Haiti.
- The Rosemont Garden Community.

Today we welcome Rev. Douglas Ensminger to our pulpit. Douglas was raised in India and educated at Princeton University and Chicago Divinity School. He was trained in Community Organizing at the Urban Training Center in Chicago, in Pastoral Counseling at the Chicago Institute of Pastoral Care and as a mediator at the Justice Center in Atlanta. He has ministered as a college chaplain, as pastor of churches in Wisconsin (Beloit and Madison) and Houston Texas. For 15 years he served as chaplain at the VA Medical Center in Houston, retiring as Chief of the Chaplain Service in 2010.

He and his wife Linda moved to Lexington to be close to their youngest daughter and her family, including 6 of their 10 grandchildren. Douglas has preached in many churches in KY, including two extensive periods in Prestonsburg and as Stated Supply in Nicholasville. Maxwell Street Presbyterian is their home church.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. The Offering is divided among individual congregations to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace, mid councils for ministries of peace and reconciliation, and the Presbyterian Mission Agency for its ministry of education. Offering envelopes are available in the pews and by the offering plates at the exits.

CROP WALK is this afternoon! Hunter is one of more than twenty Lexington congregations that step off in a fund raising walk that begins at Second Presbyterian Church at 3:00p.m. Donations raised support Church World Service action against hunger, thirst, disease and the refugee crisis around the world. A quarter of the funds raised stay in Lexington for God's Pantry.

A Called Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 17th immediately following the 11a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Elect the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC),
2. Elect elders, and
3. Elect the congregational members of the 2022 Nominating Committee.

Thank you to those who shared in leading today's service: Hyunjin Kwak, Allen Fletcher, Mike Hudson and Val Zeps.

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