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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *To God Be the Glory*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111:1-4)

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds, the Lord is gracious and merciful.

*OPENING HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth #473

PASSING THE PEACE

As we seek God's wisdom and guidance, let us share signs of fellowship and peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession, but simply draw near to our maker in candor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and sent his Spirit to be with us always. We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts, to set us in the ways of justice, and to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ's presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, that we may be your faithful and loving people, walking in the footsteps of the One who came to transform the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Ephesians 4:31-32)

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, as we have received the gift of the Holy Spirit to enliven our lives and ministries, take the shades from our eyes, the stoppers from our ears, and the shields from our hearts so that we can hear and see and feel anew the truth and life-giving power of your Word. Amen.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5: 15-20

GOSPEL READING: John 6: 51-58

SERMON: Living Wisely

*HYMN: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee #357

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me #366

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Stand if you are able

Bold: everyone

Thank you to Vera and Gerritt Heitink for providing today's flowers.

UPC Prayer List—email requests to upcbloomington@gmail.com

Allen Pease Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by Valerie and Felipe Colby

Nyaka AIDS Orphans' Project in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

The people of Nigeria, Georgia, Ukraine, and the Middle East

Our military men and women around the world

Monroe County United Ministries

Nabb Presbyterian Church is a small congregation that contributes to a variety of mission projects locally and globally. The building is never locked and serves as a storm shelter for people living in the surrounding community.