

## Our Service of Worship for September 5, 2021



Westwood First Presbyterian Church

Cincinnati, OH



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “*Jesus, Still Lead On*”—arr. John Blackburn

During the Prelude, we invite you to take a moment to prepare for worship.

\*\* Call to Worship (responsive)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**And also with you!**

God said, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

**But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord.”**

Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

**And I will give you rest.”**

We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

**Let us worship God this day!**

Opening Prayer

\*\* Hymn No. 458: “Earth and All Stars” (all verses)

A Time of Confession

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, we ask your blessing on all those who labor, who work to provide for themselves and bring us the comforts we have come to expect. Bring humility to us when we build towers that touch the sky, and are impressed by our own feats. Bring compassion to us when we forget those who work under unjust conditions. Bring grace to us when we are most in need of your healing touch; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Moment of Silent Confession (*Silent, personal prayers may be offered.*)

Assurance of Pardon (1 John 1:4-7)

And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. This—now and forever—is the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*\* Gloria Patri (unison)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Genesis 3:8-19* \*

Sermon: “*We’ve Work To Do*”

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Prayer (unison)

**Generous God, all things have their origin with you, and from these riches we freely give, that you might use this offering and its givers for the building up of your kingdom and the glory of your name. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

Solo: “Faithfulness”—arr. Joel Raney

Paul Vigar, baritone

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

*[ALL are invited to Christ’s table, remembering that access is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving, enabled by the very act of which the sacrament reminds us.]*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution and the Sharing of the Elements

The Pastoral Prayer After Communion 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.**

\*\* Hymn No. 435: “We All Are One in Mission” (all verses)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: “All Glory Be to God on High”—J. S. Bach

\* The words to the hymns and readings are included with the order of worship.

Where indicated (\*\*) please rise, and stand as you are able.



Rev. Dr. Jeff Colarossi

*Pastor*

Mary Bramlage

*Guest Organist*

Lynn Lanman

*Lay Worship Leader*

*Come to the table*

REVELATION 19:9

## Earth and All Stars—Hymn #458

1. Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new song!  
O victory, loud shouting army, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We will sing praises with a new song!
2. Steel and machines, loud pounding hammers, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams, loud building workers, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We will sing praises with a new song!
3. Classrooms and labs, loud boiling test tubes, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band, loud cheering people, sing to the Lord a new song!  
God has done marvelous things. We will sing praises with a new song!
4. Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son, loud praying members, sing to the Lord a new song!  
*God has done marvelous things. We will praises with a new song!*

## We All Are One In Mission—Hymn #435

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace  
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
3. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

## Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:8-19

<sup>8</sup> They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree and I ate."

<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband and he shall rule over you."



<sup>17</sup> And to the man he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

### **Moment for Meditation—Theology of Vocation**

“If you are a manual laborer, you find that the Bible has been put into your workshop, into your hand, into your heart. It teaches and preaches how you should treat your neighbor. Just look at your tools—at your needle or thimble, your beer barrel, your goods, your scales or yardstick or measure – and you will read this statement inscribed on them. Everywhere you look, it stares at you. Nothing that you handle every day is so tiny that it does not continually tell you this, if you will only listen... All this is continually crying out to you: “Friend, use me in your relations with your neighbor just as you would want your neighbor to use his property in his relations with you.”

~ Martin Luther

Christians often speak of having a “vocation” or being “called.” They talk about receiving a call to a particular work or situation. However, there are a multitude of meanings behind the concept and arguably, most people are not clear about its significance. What do we mean by vocation and how does it relate to the Christian life?

The traditional Christian language of vocation has often been related to one’s work, viewing work in terms of a calling or vocation. In Latin the word vocation literally means “call” and the idea that one could be called to many different sorts of work was one of the radical proposals of the Protestant Reformation. Prior to that...vocation was a special calling to the monastic life and was considered a superior way. One was called to be a priest or nun or monk.

Martin Luther...believed the call of God comes to each in their daily tasks. Luther wanted to overcome a reduction of vocation to a calling to a particular kind of religious life, arguing that all Christians have a vocation and that every type of work performed by Christians can be understood as such. Through the proclamation of the gospel, every person hears God’s spiritual call and this reaches them in their specific station or profession, transforming these into a vocation [with] a direct connection to one’s daily life in the world.

Therefore, we could say that vocation is a movement of living in the glory of God and for the glory of God. To use a phrase from Karl Barth, we have the “freedom of obedience”—to use the gifts, the opportunities, and circumstances that are the givens of our lives in particular acts of obedience within the varied contexts of life. God reaches people wherever they are and calls them to discipleship. What matters is not the kind of work we do, but that we do our work as faithful disciples. God calls and we respond by serving God where God has placed us, be it as a student or teacher, a mother or artist, a pastor or plumber.

~ Linda Peacore, fuller.edu



# Labor Day

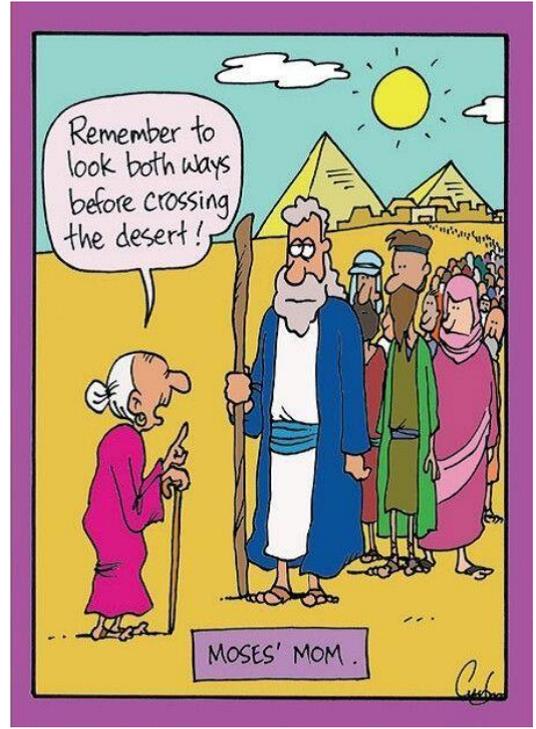
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| monday        | employment    | unemployment      | stirkes |
| Union         | labor         | September         |         |



Thanks to Ondrej Paska (See Matthew 14:24-33) 01-04-2008

PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER



(See Genesis 6-8) 10-06-1998

IT WAS ONLY AFTER NOAH FINISHED HIS ARK PROTOTYPE THAT HE FINALLY ADMITTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT A COBIT WAS

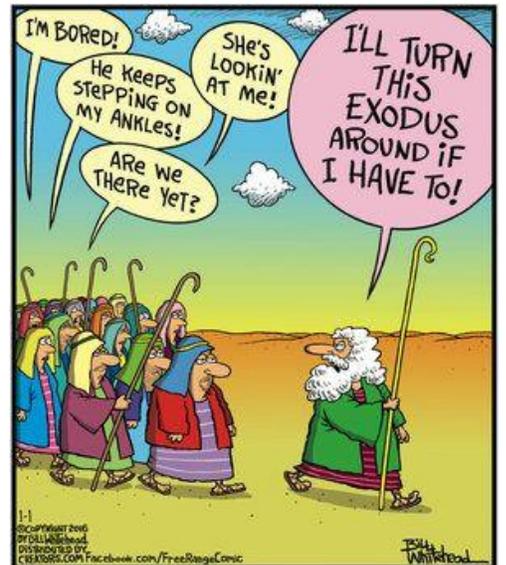


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