

# ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 2020

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## **WELCOME**

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

We gather in faith and hope to worship and praise You, God of all people. You have fed us in ways we did not know and have supported us when we had no strength of our own. You turn us from the idols we continue to create. You bring us together to remember the good news of Your healing love and experience the joy of Your Spirit moving among us. Thanks be to You, O God, for all Your gifts to us.

## **OPENING HYMN:** *"Breathe on Me Breath of God"*

### **Stanza 1**

Breathe on me breath of God  
Fill me with life anew  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
And do what Thou wouldst do

### **Stanza 2**

Breathe on me breath of God  
Until my heart is pure  
Until with Thee I will Thy will  
To do and to endure

### **Stanza 3**

Breathe on me breath of God  
Until I am wholly Thine  
Till all this earthly part of me  
Glow with Thy fire divine

### **Stanza 4**

Breathe on me breath of God  
So shall I never die  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity

## **CHILDRENS MESSAGE:** Miss Dee, *African Lions*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We are invited to reflect on the wrongs we have done, the good we have neglected and the motives that underlie our behavior. What are the idols that attract us, the responsibilities we seek to avoid, the schemes by which we pursue selfish advantages? God knows, but we need to recognize and confess them.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, almost every day we wrestle with overwhelming choices—Caesar or God, love or hate, our possessions or freedom. Often, we choose wisely, but then there are those other times. Our wants get confused with our needs. Our “must haves” overshadow our satisfaction with ourselves, our loved ones, and even life itself. Give to us the vision and wisdom to see Your way clearly. Then empower us with Your grace and courage, that we might take the higher path. In all things keep us faithful to Your gift of love.

## **TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

By God’s grace, we are empowered to recognize and live by new priorities. We can set aside the distractions that rob life of its true purpose. God lifts us those who are bowed down and redirects those who have followed destructive paths. Receive God’s forgiveness and rejoice in God’s love.

**HOLY SCRIPTURES:** Psalm 96; Matthew 22:15–22

### **Psalm 96**

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of his<sup>[a]</sup> holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

<sup>12</sup> Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

<sup>13</sup> Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

## **Matthew 22:15–22**

### *Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar*

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

<sup>21</sup> "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

<sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed. So, they left him and went away.

**SERMON:** "Render to God What is God's"

## **PASTORAL PRAYER 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, for ever. AMEN

## **BENEDICTION**

We have gathered in community to worship God. Now our service of praise continues in the world. God has forgiven and blessed us in this gathering. Now we scatter to forgive and bless others. We will spend ourselves this week for God's children.

## **CLOSING HYMN:** *"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
From your rich and endless store:  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
Costly cross, grave's shattered door;  
Gifted by you, we turn to you,  
Offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful songs shall rise forever,  
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing  
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
All at peace in health and freedom,  
Races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
Lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants  
Fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
Gain through powers your grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred,  
And to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
As we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
Serving you by loving all.

## **HYMN NOTES:**

### **BREATHE ON ME BREATH OF GOD: Edwin Hatch, 1835–1889**

Edwin Hatch, D.D., was born at Derby, Sep. 4, 1835, and educated at Pembroke College, Oxford, B.A., in honors, in 1857. After holding important appointments in Canada, he returned to England and became Vice-Principal of St. Mary Hall, Oxford, 1867; and Rector of Purleigh, 1883. He died November 10, 1889. His hymn-writing was limited—just one, and that a very spirited lyric, is in Allon's Congregational Psalmist Hymnal, 1886 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God." (Whitsuntide.) A collection of Dr. Hatch's sacred poems was published posthumously in a little book called "Towards Fields of Light," London 1890. The book is a little collection of poems written by Hatch and collected at various times by his wife. The book is free to view and/or download online (search "Towards Fields of Light," Edwin Hatch).

**GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING:** Written by Robert L. Edwards (1961). This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well-grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia, "Beach Spring."

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## **WEEKLY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BELL PRACTICE:** Mondays, 7:00 PM in the Grove building.

**GRIEFSHARE:** Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM in the Grove building. All are welcome!

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING:** Throughout October

This United Church of Christ offering supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. Two-thirds of the offering supports projects that support voting rights, health care and civil liberties. One third supports UCC churches on American Indian Reservations. Please see Linda Huggens to make your donation.

**HOMEWOOD AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** Throughout October and November. \$3/person or \$5/couple.

**ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE:** All Saints Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 1. We will celebrate the saints who have been called to their eternal home in the last year. If you have a family member or friend that you would like to have remembered, please contact the church office at 717-637-2299 by October 25.

**CANNED CORN FOR THANKSGIVING DAY DINNERS:** New Hope Ministries will be providing food packets for delicious Thanksgiving meals for area guests and their families in Hanover this Thanksgiving. We have pledged to help by providing **200 cans of corn** for the dinners. Please have your donations to the church by **Sunday, November 8**. We can help to make Thanksgiving a happy and healthy one for our local neighbors. Thank you for your contributions!

**BLANKETS PLUS OFFERING:** Church World Service (CWS) **OFFERING DATE:** NOVEMBER 15  
We all know the frequent reports of devastation from floods, hurricanes and earthquakes in the USA and around the world. We want to help make our neighbors a little bit warmer with a warm blanket to comfort them in their need. Blankets can be used as a shelter, for carrying items, for providing warmth and security to displaced persons. Donations can be placed in the offering plate. Write on the memo line "For Blanket Sunday". Thank you for your love and generosity.

**"CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS"—New Hope Ministries: Christmas Gifts**

We will be collecting various toys and household items to be distributed by New Hope Ministries for needy families in our area. Lists of items will be available for you at church services and online ([www.stdavidsucc.com/announcements](http://www.stdavidsucc.com/announcements)). As well as toys for children, there is especially a need for teen items. *No clothing items will be collected.* Many clients do not have full size kitchen appliances, so we are focusing on providing small kitchen appliances such as crock pots and toaster ovens which are essential for them. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in making Christmas so much brighter for those in our area. Collections can be made at the church Sunday mornings. Deadline for donations will be Sunday, November 30.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail ([pscott8283@comcast.net](mailto:pscott8283@comcast.net)) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

**YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS:** If you would like to mail your offerings to the church, please mail them to Harley Hartman, 2195 Blackrock Rd, Hanover, PA 17331 and include one offering envelope indicating the manner in which you would like to have your funds applied. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of St. David's!

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**NEWS FROM THE HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:**

**THE CLOTHING BANK IS OVERFLOWING:** Many good quality clothing items are available. Both clients and anyone in the public are welcome to setup an appointment to select clothing. You will be given Two

Free Bags of clothing. After that, each item is \$.50. Call 717-633-6353 for an appointment. Open Mon–Thurs, 9:00 am to Noon. Masks required, temp check, sanitize hands.

**HACC ITEMS NEEDED:**

**PAL:** Cooking spray, Egg Noodles, Cream of Chicken Soup, Canned Fresh Carrots, Dish Detergent, Salad Dressing, Ziplock Sandwich Bags, Black Pepper.

**Clothing Bank:** Adult Toiletries.

**Changing Lives Shelter:** Volunteers Needed 4 PM – 7 PM, Deodorant, Feminine Products, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Sanitizing Wipes w/Bleach.

**Ruth's Harvest:** Single-serve Entrees, Cereal, Juice Boxes, Snack or Veggies (All Single Serve Containers).

*Donations are Accepted Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Saturdays, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM or by Appointment (Call 717-633-6353 to schedule a drop-off time)*

**PAL Date:** Saturday, October 24 and November 28. **Clothing Bank Date:** No November Date

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT HACC:** Front Desk Receptionist: Tuesday and Fridays from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm; Clothing Bank: Sorters & Organizers on Friday mornings until noon; Meals on Wheels – Packers 10:15 – 11:15 am

Weekly Drivers and Runners; Provide-a-Lunch (PAL): Volunteers for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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**COMMUNITY AID UPDATE:** Community Aid will be removing the bins from our church property. They are currently accepting donations of *clothing, shoes, toys, books and jewelry* at the store on Baltimore St. We will soon be receiving a “Code” for donations of clothing items by our St. David’s members. We will keep you informed when that information is available. Just mention St. David’s United Church of Christ and our code number and we will receive \$.06 per pound for clothing donations. Drive-up hours are Monday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

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**NEWS FROM NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:**

**NEW HOPE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Hanover Center, 135 Baltimore Street is in great need of various volunteer positions: Pantry Helpers, Parking Helpers and Administrative Helpers are needed. If interested in volunteering, click on the following link for an online application form:

<https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=926601804&OR=1>

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**PASTOR APPRECIATION:** October is Pastor Appreciation month. If you would like to send Pastor Scott a card or note of appreciation, his home address is 325 Park Heights Blvd, Hanover, PA 17331. You may also mail your notes or cards to the church or bring them with you to a Sunday worship service and place them in the offering plate as you leave.