



THANKS BE TO GOD



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November 15, 2020

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Judges 4:1-10 (pg 220 [273 LP] NT)

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome friends, welcome family, welcome all who come to this hour for worship.

People: **To share in prayer; to share in praise; to hear the word this Sabbath day brings.**

Leader: As we open the gift of fellowship among us and renew our hearts for the journey ahead.

People: **Welcome Christ, welcome Lord, welcome Spirit – lead us through with hope and courage.**

*HYMN #467

"How Great Thou Art"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

We sing of your greatness, O Lord, with grateful hearts; for your hand that has touched our lives; for your hand that has touched the lives of loved ones; for your hand that has touched countless others; all precious and welcome in your sight. Help us live as boldly, in the routine of our lives, this witness of grace and trust we bear so well in song. Hear us as we come in prayer to you...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

(pg 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 121 (pg 571 [702 LP] OT)

NEW TEST. READING

1 Thess. 5:1-11 (pg 205 [250 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30 (pg 28 [34 LP] NT)

SERMON

Rev. Marilyn Hale

To Respond in Faith

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Serve in Love and Hope

* HYMN # 432

"Song of Hope"

*A CORPORATE BENEDICTION

Congregation

Thank you, God, for this time together. Bless us as we go and help us be a blessing to others. Amen.

(We will leave the sanctuary as an usher "waves us out" row-by-row.)

NEWS TO SHARE

Our prayer family this week: Susan and Bill Putt

Happy Birthday to... Connie King, November 17th!

Mark Hendrix, November 18th!

Bob Fischer, November 19th!

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning today, Sunday, November 15th, the video of the service will be posted to YouTube by 2:00 p.m. The link to the video will be posted on the main page for our church website (www.portville-presbyterian.org) The bulletin will also be available on our website.

HYMN #467

"How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, the Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, t Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Refrain

HYMN #432

"Song of Hope"

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all. Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.