

Welcome to
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
20th Sunday after Pentecost - October 7, 2018

Opening Responses:

L> O come, let us sing to the Lord;

ALL> let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

L> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

ALL> let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Hymn: To bless the earth 806

Prayer: *(said together)*

**Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving this day!
We are joyful and glad for all you do, loving God.
We praise you for the wonders of your world,
for the gift of your love in Jesus,
for the presence of your Spirit in our lives.
We come before you in awe.**

**We also come before you in humility, O God.
We confess that sometimes we have forgotten
to give you thanks,
sometimes we have misused the gifts you give us,
sometimes we have taken more than we need,
sometimes we have forgotten the needs of others.
Forgive us, gracious God,
and give us strength to follow the path you have shown us.
Help us to take care of one another
and to care for all creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

ALL> Our hearts and minds are open.

The Word of God: *Joel 2:21-27*

Matthew 6:25-33

One> *This is the word of the Lord.* **ALL> Thanks be to God.**

1 **Reflection**

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

Communion

Prayer: *(said together)*

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you, O God.**

**Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much of us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

**So, Gracious God, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
In Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Hymn: God, who stretched 305

Blessing:

L> God sends us into the world, to accept the cost
and discover the joy of discipleship.
Therefore go--- carrying with you the peace of Christ,
the love of God, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit,
in trial and rejoicing.

All : Amen