









EXPLORING FAITH. CHANGING LIVES.

Sardis Presbyterian Church is an inclusive congregation called to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to impact the world by:

-  **PRAISING** God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
-  **LEARNING** about God's will for our lives
-  **LOVING** one another unconditionally
-  **SERVING** neighbors near and far
-  **SHARING** the gifts with which we have been blessed
-  **WITNESSING** to the Good News of Jesus Christ to provide hope for the world.

We are honored that you chose to worship God with us this morning.

If you are looking for a church home, we would love to help you explore the possibility that Sardis is the place God is calling you to worship and serve.

You are welcome here.



Sardis is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

Contemporary Worship

11:00 A.M.

Traditional Worship

Welcome to "On-line" Worship with Sardis Presbyterian Church

We are glad you are with us.

For everyone's protection during this COVID-19 pandemic, all church activities are cancelled until further notice. We will update the congregation via the Sardis website, www.sardis.org, email, and social media posts as needed.

Pastoral Emergencies: If you call the church office at any time and there is no one to answer your call, please listen to the phone message to be directed to the Pastoral Care Voicemail. Please leave a message, including a call-back number, and a Pastor will be in touch with you shortly.

Digital Offering options:

Option 1: Make a credit card gift online using your mobile device: go to sardis.org and click on "Make a Gift Now".

Option 2: Text 'Sardis + amount' to 73256 (ex. 'Sardis 100' = \$100)

Option 3: Click the QR code here to go directly to the secure online form.



THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 13, 2020

PRELUDE

Peal on Leoni
Sardis Ringers

Dr. Jared Daugherty

THE LIFE OF SARDIS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joyce and Randy Long

One: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

All: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

All: so great is God's steadfast love toward those who revere God.

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

Glory to God Hymnal #366/ Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #376

Verse 1 **Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

Verse 4 **Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have forgiven us again and again, even though we have continued to offend your holy law. We accept your forgiveness with gratitude, yet we have not likewise forgiven those who have offended us. We have kept grudges, nursed hatreds, and cultivated resentments.

Forgive our lack of love - our failure to extend to others the generous grace you have shown to us. Help us by your Spirit, to love one another as we have been loved, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE #447

We Are Forgiven

Lakum

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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(repeat)

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

OFFERING (Please see options for giving noted on the first page.)

Amy Read

OFFERTORY

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Karen Carpenter, soprano

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35 (CEB)

Brooke Shirley

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Eternal Forgiveness

The Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other
Glory to God Hymnal #754 / Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #358

Baronita

Verse 1 **Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.**

Verse 2 **Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!**

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.

HYMN

God Be with You Till We Meet Again
Glory to God Hymnal #541 / Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #540

Randolph

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Marcello