



Welcome to
Venice Presbyterian Church
October 13, 2019, 10AM

We Prepare Our Hearts to Worship God

ORGAN PRELUDE

Finlandia- arr. Diane Bish

Air from "Water Music"-G. F. Handel

WELCOME

Jamal Sarikoki, *Minister of Music and Worship*

Please pass the Friendship Pads and Greet One Another

We Offer Our Praise to God

CHORAL INTROIT:

Awake My Soul and Sing!- Allen Pote

Awake, my soul, and sing. Arise and sing a psalm. For great are you, Lord, and great you love; your kindness is for ever. You have been my hope, my confidence since my youth. I will proclaim your marvelous deeds. I will ever sing praises. Even when I am growing old, do not forsake me, O God. I will declare your strength and power to the next generation, to all who are to come. Awake, my soul, and sing. Arise and sing a psalm. Be exalted, o God, above the heavens your glory over all the earth. You have been my rock, my fortress, and my shield. I will ever praise your name, for you are my God.

*HYMN#50

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

Pregnancy Solutions

We Worship God Through Giving

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Carolyn Wilson, *Pastor of Connection and Outreach*

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

- Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

As the snow falls from heaven as it comes from swirling showers from the sky, so is my Word. As the rains bring the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry, so is my Word. And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty; it will bless the earth wherever it is heard. This is my Word. As the rains bring renewal and the tender buds begin to come alive, so is my Word. Giving seed to the sower, and the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive, so is my Word. O Lord, when I am weary, when I feel the days I'm living are in vain, my God, help me be faithful to the Word You have given to proclaim. Proclaim the Word! You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace, and the hills will break before you into song. So be faithful, brave, and true, for I will go before you, and when your earthly journey here is done, I'll say well done!

As the choir sings, children are dismissed to the Narthex to meet their teachers for Kid's Corner.

*Please stand as you are able

We Connect With God Through Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Burke Johnson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

God Speaks To Us Through the Living Word

MESSAGE

From Every Nation, Tribe, People, and Language
“Grace and Race”

Revelation 7:9-17

Rev. Christopher Romig

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” ¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them

with his presence.¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat.¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

God Sends Us To Make Christ Known

* HYMN

We Are One In The Bond Of Love/We Shall Overcome

BLESSING AND SENDING

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Improvisation on “We Shall Overcome”-Carl Haywood

PRAYER CORNER (Please join us in the Paryer Corner if something is heavy on your heart. The following people are available to pray with you in the chapel after the service.)

- † Burke Johnson
- † Eleanor Johnson
- † Duane Plummer

We are so glad you've chosen to worship with us today. It is our desire to welcome you and offer the opportunity for you to experience the love of Christ and His presence.

We provide nursery care (*5 and under*) and Children's Church (*K - 5th grade*) during service, please register your child/children in the Narthex before service begins. **Children's Church will not take place on Communion Sundays.**

Immediately following worship, enjoy fellowship, coffee and refreshments in the Glass House with friends and family.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are You in Pain?

The premise of Stephen Ministry is that no one should have to walk through pain alone, whether it be spiritual, emotional, social, or physical. Your Stephen Ministers are waiting to come alongside you, your family member, neighbor, or co-worker and walk with you until it is no longer necessary. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders to find out more.

- † Marcia Bickmore, 488-9379
- † Richard Gilbert, 468-9174
- † Laura Saye, 269-339-5907

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:

Bill Boehm – October 19, 9:30 am (VPC)

Louie Pruden – October 19, 2 pm (VPC)

Stuart Crompton – November 2 (*Village on the Isle*)

Jack Perkins – November 9, 4 pm (VPC)

For your convenience, Hearing Loop is installed. Switch hearing aid to T-coil or pick up a hearing device at the Welcome Center.



GUEST PREACHER

Dr. Isaac "Ike" McDonald will be our special guest preacher on Sunday, October 20 – joining Pastor Chris, Pastor Carolyn, and Pastor Burke in leading worship on this Sunday. Ike has been preaching the Gospel since his youth. He has pastored churches in Kentucky, Alabama, and Florida, and we're glad that this retired Baptist preacher loves

worshipping with us Presbyterians in Venice! When Ike and his wife JoAnn are not enjoying Florida's warm sunshine, they live near their family in London, Kentucky. Many will remember a powerful sermon that Ike preached at VPC two years ago, and we welcome him back to the pulpit, looking forward to the message that God will inspire him to proclaim.

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY 6 Week New Member Class

Starts Oct. 15, 5:30-7pm, Fellowship Hall
One time \$10 for the entire six-week series including dinner.

Register:

1. online at www.venicepres.org
2. email Carolyn Wilson at cwilson@venicepres.org
3. call the church office at 941-488-2258

October 15

November 5

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