

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • July 26, 2020**  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Welcome**

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and  
the Communion of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. Thanks be to God!*

**Prelude**

*How Great Is Our God / A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

arr. Carol Tornquist

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 105

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.  
Sing to the LORD, sing praises,  
and speak of all God's marvelous works.  
Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**Hymn 35**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.

**Prayer of the Day**

Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Fill us with your mercy and your grace, so that, with you to rule and guide, we may so use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

**Homily**

"Finding Diamonds in the Rough"

The Rev. Betsy Williamson

**Offertory***We Fall Down*

Chris Tomlin

**Prayers of God's People**Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer***Hymn 702***Christ Be Beside Me*

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me.

Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

**Charge and Benediction****Postlude***Shout to the Lord*

Darlene Zschech

**Guest Preacher**

This morning we are pleased to welcome Rev. Betsy Williamson to the pulpit.

The Rev. Betsy Williamson is an Honorably Retired Minister member of the Presbytery of Charlotte. Before retirement, she served as Associate Pastor of Quail Hollow Presbyterian and Pastor of Amity Presbyterian churches. A second career pastor, she is a retired educator, serving as a teacher and in the central office of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Union and Durham Schools. She is a native Charlottean, who grew up at Westminster Presbyterian.