

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
October 4, 2020

10:00 A. M.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: The Lord has delivered us from slavery;

People: there is no other god but the Lord.¹

Elder: Let us worship God.

***HYMN**

“Morning Has Broken”

#60

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.²
(Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

#276

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 378). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 59-60). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1-7

Elder

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Leader:

The Word of the Lord:

People:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:33-46

33 “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. 34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. 35 “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. 37 Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. 38 “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ 39 So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41 “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” 42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? 43 “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. 46 They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Loving Justice

*APOSTLE'S CREED

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #421 (Verse 1)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #625**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN	“In Remembrance”	#322
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THE LORD'S SUPPER (SEE INSERT)

***HYMN “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” #460**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SONG “Freely, Freely” (V. 1) #447**