

Those Serving Today

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Worship Leader: Patrick McCutcheon
Usher: David Sanders
Fellowship: Linda Devolder and Linda Tylke

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT IPC

Sunday, 13 September 15th Sunday after Pentecost worship 11:30 a.m.
"Welcome Back" picnic after church.

Wednesday, 9 September Online Study, 20:30.

Thursday, 10 September Fellowship Time, 20:30.

Saturday, 19 September 16th Sunday after Pentecost worship 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Time after church

September's Mission of the Month is the Solidarité Protestante's work with the Batwa children of Burundi. More information can be found in an insert and online here: <http://www.ipcbrussels.org/mission-of-the-month>.

Sunday School and the Youth Group and will begin on Sunday, September 27, after church. If you are interested in teaching, please speak to the pastor.

Everyone is invited to online Zoom Fellowship at 20:30 on Thursday.

Next week's worship will be Saturday night at 5:00 p.m. It will be a more contemplative service patterned after the ecumenical community of Taizé.

Sharing our Treasures

How can we support the International Protestant Church of Brussels?

Please direct *virement* (transfer) deposits to the following accounts:

Fortis: IBAN: BE72 2100 5701 3016 (Pledges and congregational support)

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"The Unforgiving Servant," Domenico Fetti, 1620

THE INTERNATIONAL PROTESTANT CHURCH OF BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

September 13, 2020

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee" (Trad. / arr. Berry)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Kocher / arr. Raney)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*HYMN (SLANE) "Be Thou My Vision"

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
3 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me. Lord.

thou my best thought by day or by night
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*CALL TO PRAYER

God of mercy: help us to forgive, as you have forgiven us. Help us to trust you, even when hope is failing. Help us to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

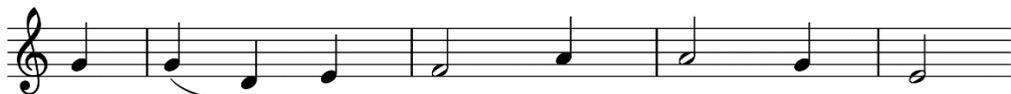
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN (WOODWORTH):

"Just As I Am"



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea,
 2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout
 4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;



but that thy blood was shed for me,
 to rid my soul of one dark blot,
 with many a con - flict, many a doubt,
 sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



and that thou bidst me come to thee,
 to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 yea, all I need in thee to find,

Refrain



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Colossians 3:12-17a

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which

binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God.

SOLO

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came up and asked Jesus, "When a sister or brother wrongs me, how many times must I forgive? Seven times?" "No," Jesus replied, "not seven times; I tell you seventy times seven.

And here's why. "The kingdom of heaven is like a ruler who decided to settle accounts with the royal officials. When the audit was begun, one was brought in who owed tens of millions of dollars. As the debtor had no way of paying, the ruler ordered this official to be sold, along with family and property, in payment of the debt. "At this, the official bowed down in homage and said, 'I beg you, your highness, be patient with me and I will pay you back in full!' Moved with pity, the ruler let the official go and wrote off the debt. "Then that same official went out and met a colleague who owed the official twenty dollars. The official seized and throttled this debtor with the demand, 'Pay back what you owe me!' "The debtor dropped to the ground and began to plead, 'Just give me time and I will pay you back in full!' But the official would hear none of it, and instead had the colleague put in debtor's prison until the money was paid. "When the other officials saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and went to the ruler, reporting the entire incident. The ruler sent for the official and said, 'You worthless wretch! I cancelled your entire debt when you pleaded with me. Should you not have dealt mercifully with your colleague, as I dealt with you?' Then in anger, the ruler handed the official over to be tortured until the debt had been paid in full. "God will treat you exactly the same way unless you truly forgive your sisters and brothers from your hearts."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Free to Forgive"

* HYMN (PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS)

(See insert)

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

* OUR CHURCH FAMILY

* BENECTION

* POSTLUDE

"Minuet," from the 1st Partita (J. S. Bach)