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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter

Announcements

Prelude

“Near to the Heart of God”

arr. J.M. Smith

For Prayer and Reflection:

I come, O Lord, unto thy sanctuary to see the life and food of my soul. As I hope in thee, O Lord, inspire me with that confidence which brings me to thy holy mountain. Permit me, divine Jesus, to come closer to thee, that my whole soul may do homage to the greatness of thy majesty; that my heart, with its tenderest affections, may acknowledge thine. ~ St. Agnes of Assisi

Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place

and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God’s love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God’s love and life,

may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise**

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Redman

Chorus: Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, oh my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul, I’ll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning
It’s time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more (Chorus)

Worship Your holy name
Lord, I’ll worship Your holy name

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey, you bless us, but we do not thank you. Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors. Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives. Please forgive and help us.

Silent Confession (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri* (#734)

“Glory Be to the Father”

Greatarex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Special Music

“Partita No. 3, Bouree Movement”

J. S. Bach

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Second Scripture Reading

John 17:6-19

Sermon

“Ready . . . Set . . . Go!”

Reaffirmation of the Baptism Covenant for those Making a Public Profession of Faith

Presentation

**Affirmation of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Question to the Congregation

Will you, members and friends of the congregation, support these individuals in their life in Christ?

We will, with God's help.

Welcome

Let us celebrate the commitment they have made to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

With joy and thanksgiving, we share with you in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one with him.

Hymn of Response

“Each Christian Has a Calling”

Gambrell

Each Christian has a calling to serve in Jesus' name:

A mission from the Spirit, a purpose in God's reign.

Refrain: Together, as Christ's body, we work and sing and pray
With thanks and praise to Jesus: the life, the truth, the way.

Some show the life of Jesus by helping those in need:
With acts of great compassion, with loving words and deeds. (Refrain)

Some seek the truth of Jesus and serve as trusted guides:
They measure, lead, and nurture, they order and provide. (Refrain)

Some teach the way of Jesus by sharing sacred signs:
The stories of the scriptures, the water, bread, and wine. (Refrain)

We join with all the faithful of every time and place:
All servants of the gospel, all ministers of grace. (Refrain)

Joys and Concerns

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.

***Sending Hymn #457** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" vv. 1,2,4 *I Want To Be A Christian*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

****Benediction***

***Postlude** "Revive Us Again" *arr. Bock*

**Please be seated while the postlude plays and enjoy the opportunity to reflect on how God is calling you to respond to his word. When the postlude concludes, we invite you to observe social distancing as you exit the sanctuary and to visit with one another outdoors at your leisure.*

Leaders in worship:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Franklin Yartey
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Special Music: Alex Eby, Kristen Eby
Musicians: Alex Eby, John Eby, Linda Longfield

Meet our Confirmation Class

Thomas Blair, son of Bryan and Sara Blair, has participated in baseball, cross-country, and track as a sophomore at Western Dubuque High School. When not juggling sports, Thomas plays chess and video games. If you need help with math or movie trivia - Thomas is your guy! His favorite part of Confirmation was spending time getting to know the group and his mentor, Deb Stant, better. Deb was super caring and had a lot of life experience and stories to share. Thomas thinks the Bible story about the pigs being possessed by demons is interesting. He imagines himself continuing to volunteer for VBS, liturgy, and streaming, and participating in mission trips at FPC.

Ella Jane Gunn, daughter of Jim and Carol Gunn, is completing her sophomore year at Dubuque Senior High School. Ella is an avid runner on both the track and cross-country team. She works at Chick-Fil-A and loves to look at the sunset. Ella's favorite Bible story is about Moses and the ten plagues. She enjoyed exploring the Bible and thinking about what God's Word is telling us in Confirmation class. Ella learned a lot during Confirmation and looks forward to helping out as a member of FPC.

Ryan McClain, son of Chrissi and Dave McClain, is a ninth grader at Western Dubuque High School. Ryan's hobbies are drawing and video games. His favorite Bible story is Noah and the ark. Ryan was an integral part of the Confirmation class this year and continues to carefully consider the next steps in his faith. Ryan is thankful for Kat and for Sunday School.

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