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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 20, 2021

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Purifoy

For Prayer and Reflection:

“And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us --Martin Luther

Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God’s presence with singing!

**For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

Opening Prayer

****Songs of Praise***

“Come and Behold Our God”

Eby

Shadows flee from the light of Your face,
Babbles cease at Your whispers of grace,
Chaos succumbs to the calm of Your touch,
None else could do so much.
Breathing new life through Your perfect plan,
You sent Your Son to this weary land,
In faithfulness You still reach out Your hand to call us to life in You.

Refrain: Come, follow the Way,
Turn to the One who turns night to day,
Place your foot-steps where Love has trod,
Come and Behold our God!

Open our eyes to Your wondrous deeds,
Tune our ears to a world in need,
Order our lives to Your rhythm of peace,
Call us to faith in You. (refrain)

“I Will Delight in the Law of the Lord”

Harrah/Schreiner

I will delight in the law of the Lord,
I will meditate day and night.
Then, like a tree firmly planted, I’ll be
Grounded in Your Word. (2X)

Blessed is the one who follows
The way of the Lord;
Blessed is the one.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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 neighbor 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. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us 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.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri** (#734)

“Glory Be to the Father”

Greatorrex

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 1:1-9

Special Music

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

arr. Keveren

Children’s Message

New Testament Reading

John 15:1-16

Sermon

“Be Strong and Courageous”

***Hymn of Response #507**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Ein’ Feste Bur

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

****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.

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 #422***

“Amazing Grace!”

New Brit

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Postlude on ‘Irish’”

arr. Smith

**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. Bradley Longfield

Liturgist: Betty Thompson

Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music: Kristen Eby & Jill Klinebriel

Musicians: John Eby, Jill Klinebriel, Linda Longfield

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