

**Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, July 12, 2020  
6th Sunday after Pentecost

**Announcements**

Rev. Bradley Longfield

**Prelude**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*arr. Giamanco*

**For Prayer and Reflection:**

“Great is God’s faithfulness. Morning by morning, new mercies we see.”

**Call to Worship**

God of new life, by your burning mercy melt away all that would block us from experiencing your Spirit of revival and renewal in our world, and in our hearts.

**God of resurrection, by your power open our lives to hope borne out in living hopefully,  
in love set not simply to creed but to deed.**

God of the risen Jesus, raise us to courageous action, to joyful celebration,  
and to abiding and transforming love.

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Song of Praise**

“Great Are You, Lord”

*Leonard/Ingram/Jordan*

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken  
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

All the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You, Lord

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Our heavenly Father, who by your love has made us, and through your love has kept us, and in your love would make us whole, we confess that we have not loved one another as Christ loved us. Your life is within our souls, but our selfishness has hindered you. We have not lived by faith; we have resisted your spirit; we have neglected your inspirations. Forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and in your Spirit direct what we shall be, that you may come into the full glory of your creation in us and in all humankind, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

**Gloria Patri #734**

“Glory Be to the Father”

*Greatorex*

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**

**First Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 55:10-13

*Special Music*

Meditation on "Trust in Jesus"

*arr. S. Keeney*

*Second Scripture Reading*

Psalm 65:1-13

*Sermon*

"Our Ever Faithful God"

*Hymn of Response #21*

"This is My Father's World"

*Terra Beata*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--his hand the wonders wrought.

This is our Father's world: O let us not forget  
That though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ruler yet.  
He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair--  
All earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.  
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

*Affirmation of Faith*

**We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with us. In its beauty and boundless space, its order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.**

**God has created us...and has endowed us with capacities to make the world serve our needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.**

**We are free to seek life within the purpose of God; to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare; to work for justice and peace in society, and to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of human life. 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, for ever. Amen*

*Sending Hymn #22*

"Let All Things Now Living"

*Ash Grove*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

***Benediction***

***Postlude***

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

arr. Giamanco

***Leaders in worship:***

Liturgist: Rev. Bradley Longfield  
Preacher: Rev. Daniel Emmert  
Music Director: Kristen Eby  
Vocalist: Jill Klinebriel  
Musicians: Alex Eby, Linda Longfield  
Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

***Lectionary Reading for July 19***

Genesis 28:10-19a  
*Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24*  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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