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***Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church***

Sunday, June 13, 2021

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

***Announcements***

***Prelude***

“Morning Has Broken”

*arr. Livingston*

***For Prayer and Reflection:***

*In mucky puddles stars may be reflected. In grey skies rainbows may be projected. In layers of grime the glint of beauty may be detected. The eyes of God see not failure but potential, not endings but new beginnings, the spark of divine life in all things.*

***Call to Worship***

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed,  
which is the smallest of seeds on earth;

**it grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs,  
and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.**

Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

**Thanks be to God!**

***Opening Prayer***

***\*Hymn of Praise***

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

*Rodgers/Wyse*

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (refrain)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (refrain)

***Call to Confession***

***Prayer of Confession***

**Holy God, you teach us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom; yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith. Forgive us, Lord; we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless. We do not**

**sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors, and yet your way is not to write us off but to build up and restore. Give us your eyes for seeing victory in defeat and beauty in brokenness in the hope that nothing is ever too small, too insignificant, or too far gone to be of use to you.**

*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.

***Children’s Message***

***Special music***

“This is a Day of New Beginnings”

*Young/Wren*

***Prayer for Illumination***

***First Scripture Reading***

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

***Sermon***

“Mirror for the Soul: Second Chances”

**\*Hymn of Response #345**

“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”

*Galilee*

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us--by thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience,  
Serve and love thee best of all.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**\*\*Heidelberg Catechism Q & A: 28**

Q. How does the knowledge of God’s creation and providence help us?

**A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God’s hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.**

## ***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 #372***

“I Then Shall Live”

*Finlandia*

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;  
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.  
I know my name is clear before my Father;  
I am His child, and I am not afraid.  
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;  
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;  
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too.  
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;  
I dare to see another's point of view.  
And when relationships demand commitment,  
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me,  
Your power and glory, let them shine through me;  
Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor,  
And may your living kingdom come in me.  
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor,  
And may you feed a hungry world through me.

### ***\*Benediction***

### ***\*Postlude***

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

*Andrews*

*\*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.*

*\*\*The Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1563, was conceived originally as a teaching instrument to promote religious unity in the Reformed tradition. It is one of the confessions included in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Confessions.*

### ***Leaders in worship:***

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells  
Liturgist: Tom Jack  
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby  
Special Music: Kristen Eby  
Musicians: Alex Eby, John Eby, Linda Longfield

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