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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 30, 2020

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Rev. Stephanie Ells

Prelude

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

arr. A.L. Page

For Prayer and Reflection:

From all our life's pathways, you have called us to this place, O Lord. Be with us as we listen for your word and seek your ways. Guide our steps and guard our lives that we may serve you more effectively in this world. Amen.

Call to Worship

Give thanks for all the wonderful works of God.

Praise the Lord!

Sing a new song of praise to the God of all peoples.

Praise the Lord!

Proclaim God's name to all the world.

Praise the Lord!

We are God's chosen people; God is with us always.

Praise the Lord!

Let our hearts rejoice, for the Lord is God.

Praise the Lord!

Opening Prayer

****Hymn of Praise #16***

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Leoni

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
the ancient of eternal days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your Spirit still flows free, high surging where it will;
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea or land.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name;
Who was, and is, and is to be, fore'er the same!

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

You know us, Watching God.

You know who we are,

**people who find it easier to hold on to all we do that is wrong,
rather than clinging to goodness.**

You know what we do,

**when we ignore the poor,
or refuse to live at peace with others.**

You know why we do all these things.

You do indeed know us all too well, Steadfast Love.

Yet, you continue to be patient with us and forgiving towards us.

**Yet, you would embrace us as we turn towards you in repentance,
rather than washing your hands of us.**

**Yet, you would continue to call us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
so we might find our life with 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Hymn of Preparation

“Speak, O Lord”

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us,
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,

And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Sermon

Special Music

“Every Act of Love”

Jason Gray

****Affirmation of Faith***

The Heidelberg Catechism**

Q86. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

- A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood,
is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image,
so that with our whole lives
we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits,
so that he may be praised through us,
so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,
and so that by our godly living
our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

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 #671***

“Lord, We Hear Your Word” (*sung to the tune of “Beecher”*)

Blaenwern

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness: you have spoken - we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom - help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led;
May the springs of all our being by your Living Word be fed;
May our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known;
May obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own!

You have spoken - yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this your Word:
Debtors, then, as living letters we must make your Gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us; shed your saving Light abroad
till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

Benediction

Postlude

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

arr. Bock

**Those who are able, please stand*

****Worship Note:** *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 (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions.*

Leaders in worship:

Liturgists: Joe and Sam Klinebriel

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Music Director: Kristen Eby

Pianist: Jill Klinebriel

Additional Musicians: Alex Eby, Hannah Eby, John Eby

Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

Lectionary Reading for September 6

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

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