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**Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, June 27, 2021

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”

*arr. Forrest*

**For Prayer and Reflection:**

*O Lord, fill my heart with peace as I gather with friends and family to worship you. Open my mind to hear your words with understanding. Open my heart to accept the message you have for me this day. Open my soul that I might go from here with renewed faith and love. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Call to Worship**

from Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

**For with the Lord there is steadfast love.**

And with God there is great power to redeem.

**It is God who will redeem Israel!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Songs of Praise**

“Indescribable”

*Story/Reeves*

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea

Creation's revealing Your majesty.

From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring

Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings, all exclaiming:

Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky

And You know them by name, You are amazing, God.

All powerful, untamable, awestruck we fall to our knees

As we humbly proclaim, “You are amazing, God.”

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go

Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light

Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom.

Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky

And You know them by name, You are amazing, God.

Incomp'able, unchangeable, You see the depths of my heart

And You love me the same. You are amazing, God.

**Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession***

**Merciful God, you created us in your image, yet we have failed to live according to your standards. You have filled us with your Holy Spirit, yet we hear and heed the voices of the world. You have showered us with wondrous gifts, but we do not share the grace you extend. Forgive us Lord! Show us our failings and give us the strength to turn from temptation, greed, and sin. Make us obedient disciples who demonstrate your love and power to all the world. Use us to do your will in this imperfect world that we all might be more faithful. In Christ's precious name we pray.**

***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*** II Corinthians 8:7-15

***Special Music*** "Teach Me Thy Way, Lord" *Clarke*

***Second Scripture Reading*** Mark 5:21-43

***Sermon*** "Exceeding Expectations"

**\*Hymn of Response #72** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" *Faithfulness*  
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided--  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

**\*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 #71*

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
Sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.

#### *\*Benediction*

#### *\*Postlude*

“Toccata on ‘Solemnis Haec Festivas’”

*Birchwood*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*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. Chaz Ruark  
Liturgist: Scott McCaw  
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby  
Special Music: Alex Eby & Kristen Eby  
Musicians: Kristen, Alex, & John Eby

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