

**Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, July 25, 2021

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

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Bock

**For Prayer and Reflection:**

*God of ALL; today we encounter a story that is difficult. Be present with us and embolden us to face its truth instead of shying away. Unveil our eyes so we can see the message of the Gospel for what it is: a message about living in this world, how we handle the situations we are in, and how our choices affect our relationships with each other and the community. May we be filled with self-awareness through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Amen.*

**Call to Worship**

based on Psalm 14

The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

**We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.**

The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

**We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.**

The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

**We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise #2**

“O Worship the King”

Lyons

O worship the King, all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

**Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession***

**We praise you for such a rich world: We celebrate its diversity, dance with its wonder, and share its song. But may we never imagine the world is ours simply to have. May we hear your call to live within it with responsibility and may we understand everything is given to us in trust for we do not own the world and the world does not owe us. Great God, all we need is here; may we share it and never take more than we need. All that makes us fully alive is around us; may we celebrate it and never take what is not ours to have. All that brings life has been given to us; may we love it and never keep it to ourselves. May we be your people, fully alive in our intent to be just and loving in your world, O God. Amen.**

***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***

John 6:1-21

***Second Scripture Reading***

2 Samuel 11:1-15

***Sermon***

“Mirror for the Soul: Temptation and Betrayal”

**\*Hymns of Response**

Hymn #378

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

*Saraday*

Create in me a clean heart, O God;

Create in me a clean heart, O God;

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence;

Cast me not away from your presence;

Cast me not away from your presence

And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation;

Restore to me the joy of your salvation;

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

And uphold me with your free Spirit.

Hymn #576

“Make Me a Servant”

*Willard*

Make me a servant, humble and meek,

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant,

Make me a servant,

Make me a servant today.

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith**

Where we have power, may we use it wisely.  
Where we have wealth, may we share it fairly.  
Where we have strength, may we hold the weak.  
Where we have authority, may we speak with justice.  
Where we have influence, may we choose truthfully.  
Where we have know-how, may we guide gently.  
Where we have life, may we live lovingly.  
And never take what is not ours.

***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 #571**

“Christ, You Call Us All to Service”

*In Babilone*

Christ, you call us all to service,  
Call us all who follow you;  
Plant in us a deep commitment  
All your work and will to do.  
Fire a passion for your justice,  
In us kindle love of peace;  
Help us heal the brokenhearted,  
To the captive bring release.

Teach us how to work together,  
Brothers, sisters, side by side;  
Equal partners in the struggle,  
In the cause of truth allied.  
To each one some gift is given,  
Man or woman, young or old;  
Help us use each skill and talent  
Your great purpose to unfold.

Let us be a servant people,  
Reconciling, ending strife;  
Seeking ways more just of sharing  
And of ordering human life.  
Fill us with a glowing vision  
Of this world as it should be;  
Send us forth to change that vision  
Into blest reality.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“Partita on “Blessed Name”

*arr. Hudson*

*\*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.*

*\*\* from "Spill the Beans," a Church of Scotland RCL resource, Issue 4, 2012*

***Leaders in worship:***

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