

Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 29, 2021

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Prelude

“The Way of Peace”

Giamanco

For Prayer and Reflection:

God has lavished us with every perfect gift from above and called us to living intimacy through the beloved one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Call to Worship

God has given us this day for praise!

Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

Let the words of God’s own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!

Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God’s healing and restoring love. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise #17**

“Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”

Austrian Hymn

Praise the Lord! O heavens, adore him;
Praise him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Praise him, shining stars of light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord, for he is gracious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God has made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence, who may dwell on your holy hill: those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and who speak the truth from their heart. And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly. So often we stumble on the path of faith. The truth makes us nervous, and we pretend not to know what is right. Deceiving ourselves, we abandon your commandments. Hypocrites, we honor you with our lips while our hearts are far from you. Have mercy, O God. Convict us by your wisdom, cleanse us by your grace, challenge us by your presence, and, by your forgiveness, free us to try again.

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

“Lift Thine Eyes” from Elijah

Mendelssohn

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

p. 1563

Sermon

“What Is ‘Cleanliness?’”

***Hymn of Response #381**

“Restore in Us, O God”

St. Michael

Restore in us, O God,
The splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts,
And all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us
The wonder of your power;
From fruitless fear unfurl our lives
Like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share
The fullness of your joy;
Baptize us in the risen life
That death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfill
The promise of your grace,
That we, when all our searching ends,
May see you face to face.

***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 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 #574**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’m Gonna Live

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Any time and anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me,
Any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me
Any time and anywhere.
I'm gonna work so God can use me,
Any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Any time and anywhere.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me,
Any time and anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Any time and anywhere.
I'm gonna sing so God can use me,
Any time and anywhere.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Saints Bound for Heaven”

arr. Broughton

**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. Stephanie Ells

Liturgist: Sara Blair

Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music: Katie Galliart, Jill Klinebriel, Kristen Eby

Musicians: John & Kristen Eby, Katie Galliart, Jill Klinebriel

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