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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 6, 2020
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Rev. Stephanie Ells

Prelude

“Noah’s Dove”

Pethel

For Prayer and Reflection:

Come, O Creator Spirit, come, and make within our hearts your home. Our souls thirst for the presence of the Living God.

Responsive Call to Worship

We gather here, where God would teach us:

**so we may learn to be more compassionate,
so we may be taught how to be more loving.**

We gather here, where Jesus would teach us

**the wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a grudge,
the language of hope so we may speak to all.**

We gather here, where the Spirit imparts wisdom,

so we might know how to share grace.

Opening Prayer

**Hymn of Praise #649*

“Gather Us In”

Gather Us In

Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
Shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in; our spirits in flame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
We are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we receive new life in the waters;
Here we receive the bread of new birth;

Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not just in buildings, small and confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
Here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is God present, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All you ask of us is to love one another, God of our lives, and you are more than willing to teach us how. Yet we find this simple request so hard to carry out, this easy lesson so difficult to learn. Someone cuts us off in traffic, and we curse them. Another buys something we want but cannot afford, and we overflow with jealousy. A friend gets the acclaim we wanted, and we whisper about them behind their backs. Forgive us, Merciful God, and unclasp our hands from our grudges. With Christ in our midst, we can become the people you dream about: loving, merciful, gentle, and compassionate children of God.

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

Special Music

“For Where Love Is, There Is God”

Wagner

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

**Hymn of Response #388*

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

Noel

O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,

Bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root.

Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace;
Deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.

Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts
That we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name
That in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.

Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care;
So bind us in community that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray,
Then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

****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, for ever. Amen.

****Sending Hymn #393***

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Dennis

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, each other's burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Benediction

Postlude

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

arr. Wagner

**Those who are able, please stand*

Leaders in worship:

Liturgists: Ethan Blair

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Music Director: Kristen Eby

Pianist: Jill Klinebriel

Additional Musicians: Bryan Blair, Sara Blair, Alex Eby, John Eby

Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

Lectionary Reading for September 13

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

“Noah’s Dove”

Music: Pethel

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