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**Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, August 8, 2021  
*11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

“Piano Sonata in G”

*Haydn*

**For Prayer and Reflection:**

*We are hungering and thirsting for hope and peace. Our hearts long for the nourishing presence of God. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Give to us the living bread of your peace that we may hunger no more. Open our hearts to joyfully receive your life-sustaining love. – Townley*

**Call to Worship**

We meet here with every doubter and every questioner.

**We meet here with those who celebrate and those who mourn.**

We meet here with those who wait and those who long.

**We meet here with the hungry and the lonely.**

We meet here with the rich and the poor.

**We meet here with all your people ready to worship just as we are.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise #649**

“Gather Us In” (vv. 1,2,4)

*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.

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*

Lord, we confess that when things don't go the way we want, we want to punish whoever prevents us from our goals and desires. We don't want to look at the ways in which we have perverted your love for us. We treat you as though you are a puppet who will dance to our demands. We act like spoiled children who want everything immediately, and who will become sullen and spiteful if we don't get what we ask for. And now we come to you, asking for forgiveness and healing. Our hearts and lives are empty without your love. Our spirits wither and die in this greedy wasteland. Give to us your life-sustaining bread. Heal our souls. Help us to truly worship you and to willingly work for healing and hope in this world.

*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 6:41-51

#### *Second Scripture Reading*

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

#### *Sermon*

“Windows to God, Mirrors for the Soul: Paying the Price”

#### *\*Hymn of Response #429*

“If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”

*Neumark*

If you will trust in God to guide you,  
And hope in God through all your ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide you,  
And bear you through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the rock that will not move.

God will embrace your pain and weeping  
Your helpless anger and distress.  
If you are in God's care and keeping,  
In sorrow will God love you less?  
For Christ, who took for you a cross,  
Will bring you safe through every loss.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;  
So do your own part faithfully,  
And trust God's word; though undeserving,  
You'll find God's promise true to be.  
God never will forsake in need  
The soul that trusts in God indeed.

**\*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 #501**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM Rhondda

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty--  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me through the swelling current,  
Land me safe on Canaan’s side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“Serenade”

Haydn

*\*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: Ethan Blair

Pianist: Callie Mescher

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