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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 18, 2021

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Prelude

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Shackley

For Prayer and Reflection:

Thank you, God, that you travel with us and make a home where we are. Amen.

Call to Worship

Where shall we find you, O God?

We shall find you among the star-fields, in supernovae and solar systems.

Where shall we find you, O God?

We shall find you dancing through the mountains that stretch high and wide across our planet.

Where shall we find you, O God?

We shall find you flowing through the rivers as they wind their way to the vast blue oceans.

Where shall we find you, O God?

We shall find you among the cedars of Lebanon in the forests that sway and bend in the breeze.

Where shall we find you, O God?

We shall find you among the people of faith who give your justice a home in their living.

Where shall we find you, O God?

We shall find you here and we worship you.

Opening Prayer

**Songs of Praise*

“We Bow Down”

Paris

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea;
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,
And Lord of all lords You will be.

We bow down, and we worship you Lord (3x)
Lord of all lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life,
King of the land and the sea;
You were king of the heavens before there was time
And king of all kings You will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King (3x)
King of all kings You will be.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control as if you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Put the mind of Christ within us, O God. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. 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.

Children’s Message

Special Music

“I Come to the Garden Alone”

arr. Sturman

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-14

Sermon

“Window to God: God on the Move”

****Hymn of Response #466***

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Hendon

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love,
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee;
take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King,
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages for thee;
take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold,
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

****Affirmation of Faith***

—from Westminster Confession (MESV), Chap. II, Sec. 1

There is only one living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection. He is a most pure spirit, invisible, with neither body, parts, nor passive properties. He is unchangeable, boundless, eternal, and incomprehensible. He is almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, and most absolute. He works all things according to the counsel of his own unchangeable and most righteous will, for his own glory. He is most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and he is the rewarder of those who diligently seek him. He is also most just and terrifying in his judgments, hating all sin, and will by no means acquit the guilty.

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 #16*

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Leoni

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
the ancient of eternal days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your Spirit still flows free, high surging where it will;
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea or land.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name;
Who was, and is, and is to be, fore'er the same!

**Benediction*

**Postlude*

“Voluntary on ‘Aurelia’”

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: Jamie Dillman
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music: Dick Sturman
Musicians: Alex Eby, Kristen Eby

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