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**Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, August 16, 2020

11th Sunday after Pentecost

**Announcements**

Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Prelude**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

*arr. Osman*

**For Prayer and Reflection:**

*Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Gentle and patient

**God, you are calling.**

Careful and persistent

**God, you are calling.**

In grieving and in praise

**God, you are calling.**

Through dawn and midday

**God, you are calling.**

Unexpected and planned

**God, you are calling.**

In a still small voice and in power

**God, you are calling.**

Spontaneous and prepared

**God, you are calling.**

Willing or protected

**God, you are calling.**

Our God is eager to share with us, wherever we are in our journey. May we be diligent to listen.

**God, you are calling.**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Song of Praise**

“His Mercy Is More”

*Boswell/Papa*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done

Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus: Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness

New every morn'  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (Chorus)

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (Chorus 2x)

### ***Call to Confession***

#### ***Unison Prayer of Confession***

**O God who will not let us go, we confess that we have been so wrapped up in ourselves that we have not loved You with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. By Your grace and through Your transforming love, open our hearts wide to You; forgive what we have been, help us change what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of your holy Name. Through Christ, our Lord. 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***

Psalm 133:1-3

#### ***Special Music***

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”  
Bryan Blair, vocalist

*Giglio/Newton/Tomlin*

#### ***Second Scripture Reading***

Matthew 15:10-28

#### ***Sermon***

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

“Jesus, United by Thy Grace”

*St. Agnes*

Jesus, united by your grace, and each to each endeared,  
With confidence we seek your face, and know our prayer is heard.

Help us to see in each a friend, each other's cross to bear,  
Let all their friendly aid extend, and feel the other's care.

Up into you, our living head, let us in all things grow,

Till you have made us free indeed and faithful here below.

Drawn by the lodestone of your love, let all our hearts unite;  
Let us toward each other move, and move toward your light.

*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 #121*

“Christ Is the World's Light”

*Christe Sanctorum*

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;  
Born in our darkness, he became our brother  
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:  
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;  
No one can serve him, and despise another.  
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?  
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;  
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother  
He, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:  
Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other;  
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;  
Give God the glory, God-with-us our brother:  
Glory to God on high.

*Benediction*

***Leaders in worship:***

Liturgist: Annalee Ward  
Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells  
Pianist: Jill Klinebriel  
Vocalist: Bryan Blair  
Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

***Lectionary Reading for August 23***

Exodus 1:8-2:10

*Psalm 124*

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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