

Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 2, 2020
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Rev. Stephanie Ells

Prelude

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

arr. Boertje

For Prayer and Reflection:

Our God never fails to hear us. As we call on God from our couches and kitchen tables today, let us rest in the knowledge God is present with us. Let us turn our ears to God now and take refuge in the shadow of God’s mighty wings; as God shows us the wonder of Divine unfailing love.

Call to Worship

We gather here in anticipation, seeking an encounter with our Holy God,
who comes among us when we least expect it,
who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,
who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name.

Let’s worship God together!

Opening Prayer

***Song of Praise**

“Step by Step”

Beaker

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways;
And step by step you’ll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

I will follow you all of my days. I will follow you all of my days.
And step by step you’ll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, listen to our prayer of confession, for we would speak honestly before You. We confess that we haven’t always done what is right; that some of our attitudes and actions have hurt others and ourselves, and have grieved You. Forgive us. In Your mercy, look deeply into our hearts. Examine our thoughts and our actions. Test our motivations. Bring to light all the things in our lives that dishonor You. We want to follow You with integrity, to obey the commandments You have given us, and to walk in ways that bring honor to Your name.

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

Genesis 32:22-31

Special Music

“Christians, While on Earth Abiding”
Hannah Eby, flute

arr. Logan

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Sermon

Hymn of Response #411

“How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you in trouble to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

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 #748

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Sicilian Mariners

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace;
O direct us and protect us
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For your gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To your truth may we be found.

Benediction

Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. Bock

Leaders in worship:

Liturgist: Sam Morales
Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Music Director: Kristen Eby
Vocalist: Jill Klinebriel
Musicians: Alex Eby, Hannah Eby, John Eby, Linda Longfield
Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

Lectionary Reading for August 9

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

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