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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 13, 2020
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Rev. Stephanie Ells

Prelude

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

arr. Hayes

For Prayer and Reflection:

The Lord Jesus Christ is like the sun that fills the morning sky, he is the light that banishes the darkness of the world. May the Sun of Righteousness arise in our hearts and fill us with the radiance of God’s love until we shine with the joy of life everlasting.

Call to Worship

People of God, bless the Lord,
bless God’s holy name.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God’s steadfast love for us.

Opening Prayer

**Song of Praise #110*

“We Come, O Christ, to You” vv. 1-4

Darwall’s 148th

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man;
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
In you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid;
Before the throne absolved we stand: your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth, all wisdom dwells in you,
The source of every skill, the one eternal True!
O great I Am! in you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true Life, to know you is to live
The more abundant life that earth can never give.
O risen Lord! we live in you: in us each day your life renew!

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse

our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all.

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

Matthew 18:21-35

Special Music

“Praise Him, Alleluia!”

Butler

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Sermon

***Hymn of Response #353**

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

Moody

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,

Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide; what can avail to wash it away?

Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today. [Refrain]

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe:

You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? [Refrain]

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism**

60. Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

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***

“I’m Forever Grateful”

Altrogge

You did not wait for me to draw near to you,
But you clothed yourself with frail humanity.
You did not wait for me to cry out to you,
But you let me hear your voice calling me.

And I’m forever grateful to you.
I’m forever grateful for the cross.
I’m forever grateful to you
That you came to seek and save the lost.

****Benediction***

****Postlude***

“With the Saints in Glory Shining”

arr. Broughton

**Those who are able, please stand*

*****Worship Note:*** *The Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1563, was conceived originally as a teaching instrument to promote religious unity in the Reformed tradition. It is one of the confessions included in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions.*

Leaders in worship:

Liturgists: Mark Ward

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel

Men’s Choir: Bryan Blair, John Dillman, John Eby, Alex Jack, Tom Jack, Leon Thompson

Additional Musicians: Alex Eby, John Eby, Linda Longfield

Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

Lectionary Reading for September 20

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 20:1-16

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