

Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 19, 2020
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Linda Longfield

Prelude

“Grace Greater Than our Sin”

arr. Innes

For Prayer and Reflection:

God of Mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God’s presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting;

And whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Opening Prayer

****Hymn of Praise #647***

“We Have Come to Join in Worship”

Holy Manna

We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God.

Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak his mighty Word.

All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.

Christians, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

See them gather all around you, those he bought at such a cost;

See the weary, see the hurting, see the lonely, see the lost.

Be his hand, and touch the needy; be his gospel, let it sound!

Be his body, and sweet manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.

Let us care for all his people till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to heaven; at his banquet we'll sit down;

Christ himself will rise and serve us living manna all around.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us peace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Silent Confession (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri #734

“Glory Be to the Father”

Greatarex

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 139

Special Music

“There is A Balm in Gilead”

African-American Spiritual

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30

Sermon

“Farming in God’s Kingdom”

Hymn of Response #373

“Change My Heart, O God”

Espinosa

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

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 #596

“Help Us Accept Each Other ”

Beck

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Benediction

Leaders in worship:

Liturgist: Mark Ward
Preacher: Rev. Marsha Wilfong
Music Director: Kristen Eby
Vocalist: Jill Klinebriel
Musicians: Alex Eby, Linda Longfield
Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

Lectionary Reading for July 26

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalms 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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