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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 27, 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Rev. Stephanie Ells

Prelude

“Awake, Awake to Love and Work”

arr. Walz

For Prayer and Reflection:

Speak to us, Lord. Remind us again of your everlasting power. May we know your story and our place within it. May we remember your mighty works and deeds, that we might know that you are the God of all ages. May we claim your promise and share your love. We are listening, Lord; speak to us today.

Call to Worship

Come, let us bow before the holy One.

Come, let us confess God's might.

Come, let us feel God's mercy.

Come, let us live in God's light.

As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.

Glory to you, gracious and loving God!

Opening Prayer

****Song of Praise***

“You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)”

Imboden/Rhoton

You are holy (You are holy), You are mighty (You are mighty)

You are worthy (You are worthy), Worthy of praise (Worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow), I will listen (I will listen)

I will love you (I will love you), All of my days (All of my days)

You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings

You are Mighty God, Lord of everything

You're Emmanuel, You're the great I AM

You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb

You're the Living God, You're my Saving Grace

You will live forever, You're the Ancient of Days

You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End

You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend

You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

How quick we are to say yes to you, O Lord, and then we turn around and forget our bold words of commitment. We really want to serve, but we are very weak and are easily drawn away by cares and

fears. We pledge ourselves to working for your kingdom but find ourselves pulled this way and that by other demands on our time and energy. Forgive us, O Lord, when we so quickly drop our commitments to serving you. Heal our spirits and give us the bold courage to truly be your disciples.

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.

Children’s Message

Presentation of Bibles

Samuel Daniels

Agatha Herbst

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Sermon

**Hymn of Response #497*

“Find Us Faithful”

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O may all who come behind us find us faithful;

May the fire of our devotion light their way.

May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,

And the lives we live inspire them to obey.

O may all who come behind us find us faithful.

Commissioning of Faith Formation Teachers

Tracy Wildermuth - Preschool to 2nd grade Sunday School

Sara Blair & Joe Klinebriel - 3rd to 7th grade Sunday School

Linda Longfield & Beth Foxen - 8th to 12th grade Sunday School

Lindsey Ward & Pastor Stephanie - Adult Class

ONE: God calls ordinary people from ordinary places who through God’s grace are enabled to do extraordinary work. God called Abraham and Sarah to pack their belongings and follow God to a new land.

ALL: So Abraham and Sarah packed up and followed God.

ONE: God called Mary to bear his Son, and to name the child “Jesus,” because he would save God’s people from their sins.

ALL: And Mary said to the Lord “Let it be done to me according to Your word.”

ONE: God called Peter, James, and John away from their families, their homes, and their work as fishermen.

ALL: And they dropped their nets and followed Jesus.

ONE: We come together to set apart these teachers for the special work to which Christ himself calls them. People of God, these new workers will need your support. What will you now say to encourage them?

ALL: We acknowledge the call of Christ in your life, and affirm your gifts for this calling.

ONE: (to the teachers) God has called you to be educators. Being a teacher requires energy, patience, commitment, hard work, and a heart for God's work and God's people. Do you sense the call of Christ to this task?

TEACHERS: I do.

ONE: Will you strive, in reliance upon Christ, to seek wisdom and to communicate it to your students as God gives you grace?

TEACHERS: I will.

ONE: Will you faithfully devote yourself to teaching the truth of the Word of God and showing it to your students by your example?

TEACHERS: I will.

ONE: (*to the congregation*) As a community of faith, will you encourage, pray for, support, and honor these teachers, as they seek to lead others to a deepening knowledge of God?

ALL: We will.

Prayer of Blessing

Special Music

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. Hayes

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 #561***

"Christ for the World! We Sing" (vv. 1,3,4)

Italian Hymn

Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal-- the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne, sinsick and sorrow-worn,
for Christ to heal.

Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring

with one accord-- with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song-- the newborn souls whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

****Benediction***

****Postlude***

“Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore”

arr. North

**Those who are able, please stand*

Leaders in worship:

Liturgists: Linda Longfield

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel

Vocalists: Katy Perreard, Leon Thompson

Additional Musicians: Alex Eby, John Eby, Linda Longfield

Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

Lectionary Reading for October 4

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

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