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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 11, 2020

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Rev. Stephanie Ells

Prelude

“Come, We Who Love the Lord”

arr. L. Smith

For Prayer and Reflection:

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives; Rest in this knowledge today.

Call to Worship

based on “He Has Made Me Glad”

SAY: Come, let us enter this time of worship with great joy!

Let us celebrate the goodness of God!

Let all the people shout and praise God’s name!

Happy are all those people who feel the peaceful presence of God!

SING: *I will enter God’s gates with thanksgiving in my heart;*

I will enter God’s courts with praise.

I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made!”

I will rejoice for God has made me glad.

God has made me glad, God has made me glad,

I will rejoice for God has made me glad.

God has made me glad, God has made me glad,

I will rejoice for God has made me glad.

SAY: Let us rejoice!

Let us shout with joy!

Let us open our hearts to God.

O God, accept our praise and turn our hearts toward you. AMEN.

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Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise #11**

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

St. Thomas

Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of his choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

O for the living flame, from God's own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought.

God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless his glorious name, both now and evermore.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of infinite forgiveness, we implore you this day to forgive those many times in which we have turned our backs on you by turning away from the needs of the voiceless, the hopeless, and the helpless. We let ourselves get distracted by schedules and activities which drain us of energy and enthusiasm. Light a fire under us, O God, that we may again feel the exciting challenge of being your people. Heal our wounds of indifference and apathy; bring us together in harmony and joy to serve you and your creation with peace, justice, and hope. It is in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer.

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

Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

Sermon

***Hymn of Response #587**

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

***Affirmation of Faith**

****Excerpts about “Justice” from The Belhar Confession**

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this . . . that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need . . . as witness against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely . . . with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Special Music

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Funderburk

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 #580**

“We are Called to Be God’s People”

Austrian Hymn

We are called to be God's people,
Showing by our lives his grace,
One in heart and one in spirit,
Sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us,
And remade us as his own,
Let us share our life together
As we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants,
Working in his world today;
Taking his own task upon us,
All his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons,
Dedicate to him our all,
That we may be faithful servants,
Quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets,
Speaking for the truth and right,
Standing firm for godly justice,
Bringing evil things to light.
Let us seek the courage needed,
Our high calling to fulfill,
That the world may know the blessing
Of the doing of God's will.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Recessionale”

Broughton

**Those who are able, please stand*

****Worship Note:** *The 222nd General Assembly (2016) approved an amendment to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Book of Confessions that added the Confession of Belhar. The Confession of Belhar was written as a protest against a heretical theological stance by the white Dutch Reformed Church that used the Bible and the Confessions to justify the harsh and unjust system of Apartheid.*

Leaders in worship:

Liturgists: John Dillman and Adrian Huisman

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel

Musicians: Alex Eby, Hannah Eby, John Eby

Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

Lectionary Reading for October 18

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

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