

Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 25, 2020

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Rev. Stephanie Ells

Prelude

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Unke

For Prayer and Reflection:

Lord, we know you are with us this day as we listen for your word for us. Touch our hearts with your healing mercy, for we ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 90

God, we know you are with us.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

You have showered your love upon all generations, since the beginning of time.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Guide us now through this time of worship and into the week ahead.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise #398**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Ebenezer

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love –

Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus – spread his praise from shore to shore!

How he loves us, ever loves us, changes never, nevermore!

How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;

How for them he's interceding, watching o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus – 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;

And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others. We are selective about who we choose as neighbors . . . only those who are clean, who look like us, who talk right, who seem safe. Loving God, teach us to love you more fully. For in loving

you, our lives will show love to all others, even as your love encompasses all your creation, in all generations. We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri #734**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Greatorrex

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.

Special Music

“Salt and Light”

Daigle

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

Second Scripture Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sermon

***Hymn of Response #595**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Chorus)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (Chorus)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.

And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (Chorus)

***Affirmation of Faith**

****from the Second Helvetic Confession Article 5.117**

Good works ought not to be done in order that we may earn eternal life by them, for, as the apostle says, eternal life is the gift of God . . . but are to be done for the glory of God, to adorn our calling, to show gratitude to God, and for the profit of the neighbor. For our Lord says again in the Gospel: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). And the apostle Paul says: “Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called” (Eph. 4:1). Also: “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and to the Father through him” (Col. 3:17), and, “Let each of you look not to

his own interests, but to the interests of others” (Phil. 2:4), and, “Let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful” (Titus 3:14).

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.

Preparation of Pledges

Dedication of Pledges

Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it. We celebrate the new life we have in you. It is a life filled with the gifts of love and grace!

**We too have been entrusted with gifts - time, talent, energy, money -
and God, you have asked us to use them to build your kingdom.**

With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

Today we hold in our hands the pledge cards where we have written out our commitments to return your generosity, paying it forward. We humbly bring these gifts before you, O God.

We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours.

We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**Bless also these gifts, and honor the dedication of our pledges
as a sign of our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love.**

Doxology #34

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer for the Dedication of Pledges

**Sending Hymn #466*

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Hendon

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love,

At the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King,

Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee;

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,

Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,

Ever, only, all for thee.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Taylor

**Those who are able, please stand*

***The Second Helvetic Confession The word “Helvetic” is Latin for “Swiss.” The setting of the Second Helvetic Confession is Swiss-German Reformed Protestantism and it was written by Heinrich Bullinger in 1531. It is part of the PCUSA Book of Confessions and emphasizes the church and its life and affirms the authority of the Scriptures for the church’s government and reformation.*

Leaders in worship:

Liturgists: Bryan Blair

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel

Musicians: Alex Eby, John Eby, Linda Longfield

Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

Lectionary Reading for November 1

Revelations 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

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