

Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 1, 2020

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Rev. Stephanie Ells

Prelude

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Bach

For Prayer and Reflection:

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. Carry me today in your steadfast love that I may rejoice and be glad all my days, living life fully without fear. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 90:1–6

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you, we come home—to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.

We dwell in you.

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

In you, we are home—we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.

We remember, O God . . . The countless saints of history who have dwelt with you before us.

**The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God . . . Your son, Jesus Christ, who dwelt with humans, as a human, on earth

**The supreme love he shared, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words,
the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection: shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord. and how to dwell with the Lord.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...

let us worship God with joy!

****Song of Praise***

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Redman

Bless the Lord o my soul, o my soul

Worship His holy name; Sing like never before,

O my soul, I’ll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning

It’s time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord o my soul, o my soul
Worship His holy name; Sing like never before,
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord o my soul, o my soul
Worship His holy name; Sing like never before,
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more

Worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession (A time to offer silent prayers of confession will follow each line)

Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God...

We pray,

may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus fed those who were hungry . . .

We pray,

may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded . . .

We pray,

may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need . . .

We pray,

may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness . . .

We pray,

may we be more like Jesus.

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

Revelation 7:9-17

Special Music

“Elegy”

J. Schraevesande

Second Scripture Reading

1 John 3:1-3

Sermon

“The Saints of the Here and Now”

****Hymn of Response***

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

Festal Song

For all Your saints O Lord
Who strove in You to live
Who followed You, obeyed, adored
Our grateful hymn receive.

For all Your saints O Lord
Who strove in You to die
Who counted You their great reward
Accept our thankful cry.

They all in life and death
With You their Lord in view
Learned from Your Holy Spirit's breath
To suffer and to do.

To God the Father Son
And Spirit ever blest
The One in Three the Three in One
Be endless praise addressed.

****Affirmation of Faith***

“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, forever. Amen.

***Sending Hymn #547**

“We Are God’s People”

Symphony

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

arr. Bish

**Those who are able, please stand*

Leaders in worship:

Liturgists: Annalee Ward, Joe Klinebriel, Steve Ditzler,
Carlie Boelk, Thomas Blair, Ryan McClain, & Ella Jane Gunn

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel

Special Music: Dr. Elizabeth Grunin, cello; Dr. Brian Lew, organ

Musician: Linda Longfield

Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

Lectionary Reading for November 8

Semicontinuous: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 &

Psalm 78:1-7

Complementary: Amos 5:18-24 &

Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

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