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***Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church***

Sunday, November 8, 2020

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

***Announcements***

Rev. Stephanie Ells

***Prelude***

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

*arr. Knoedler*

***For Prayer and Reflection:***

*God be with us today, opening our hearts and spirits to an awareness of your abiding love and presence with us. 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***

***\*Song of Praise***

“Great Are You Lord”

*Leonard/Ingram/Jordan*

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness

You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken

Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only

All the earth will shout Your praise

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing

Great are You, Lord

***Call to Confession***

***Unison Prayer of Confession***

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

***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.

***Children’s Message***

***Special Music***

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

*Martin*

***Prayer for Illumination***

***Scripture Reading***

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

***Sermon***

“Choosing God: Again and Again”

***\*Hymn of Response #461***

“Breathe on Me Breath of God”

*Trentham*

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love whate'er you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so that your will is mine,  
Until this earthly part of me glows with your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

***\*Affirmation of Faith***

from the Confession of 1967\*\* (sections 1.9.25, 3.9.54, 3.9.55)

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God’s purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail. . . . With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. “Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. 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 #344**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*Assam*

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus—  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me—  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow,  
Though none go with me, I still will follow,  
Though none go with me, I still will follow—  
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?—  
No turning back, no turning back.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

*arr. Larson*

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

*\*\*The Confession of 1967 was adopted by the PC(USA) in a time when the social environment in the United States was rapidly changing. Much of the confession's text is dedicated to the subject of [reconciliation](#). It is written in three parts representing the faith, the love, and the hope of the Christian tradition.*

***Leaders in worship:***

Liturgist: Bradley Longfield  
Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells  
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby  
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel  
Special Music: Florence Siefker  
Musicians: Alex Eby, John Eby, Linda Longfield  
Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

***Lectionary Reading for November 15***

Judges 4:1-7

*Psalm 123*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

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