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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 6, 2021 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. Hayes

For Prayer and Reflection:

As we worship your holiness and majesty today, O Sovereign One, lead us in praise, in love, and in forgiveness that we might live more fully with faith together and dare to be different. Amen.

Call to Worship based on Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart.

I sing your praise and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

You have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me.

You increased my strength of soul.

Though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies.

You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me.

Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise #112

"You Servants of God"

Hanover

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God rules in the heights, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, his presence we have; the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud and honor the Son: the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might: all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign, majestic God, enthroned in heaven, we confess before you all the times we have failed to recognize the sovereignty of God; the times we have sought to go our own way by following own selfish ambitions, not heeding the will of the God who leads us in the right way; those days when we would rather settle for something we can see and touch rather than subscribe to the notion of a divine supremacy that seems so far removed from our daily life. God, as we acknowledge you as King, may we know that great as you are, you hang out with the lowly people. May we allow you to direct our lives and our relationships, and so, lead us in everlasting ways, God - our King forever.

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.

Children's Message

Special music

"Sonata"

Loeillet

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

Sermon

"A Mirror for the Soul: Monarch and Deity"

*Hymn of Response

"How Great is Our God"

Tomlin

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me

How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, And time is in His hands Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb (Chorus) Name above all names, Worthy of our praise My heart will sing, How great is our God (Chorus)

*Affirmation of Faith

The 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 #64

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Thaxted

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, At blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, That we who know your favor may serve you as our King; And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*Benediction

*Postlude "Joy in the Morning" Birchwood

*Please be seated while the postlude plays and enjoy the opportunity to reflect on how God is calling you to respond to his word. When the postlude concludes, we invite you to observe social distancing as you exit the sanctuary and to visit with one another outdoors at your leisure.

Leaders in worship:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Rev. Beth McCaw
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Musicians: Alex Eby, Hannah Eby, John Eby

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