

Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 22, 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Prelude

“Serenity”

S. Cumbie

For Prayer and Reflection:

The living God has sent the living bread from heaven to fill our hearts with strength and embolden us to build a temple of glory and light, everywhere and in everything, for the glory of the Almighty.

Call to Worship

based on 1 Kings 8: 22-30

Will you, God, live on this small planet earth?

Look! Heaven and earth cannot contain You, much less this house of prayer
which we have built and cherished.

**Raise the stone and you shall find me,
cleave the wood and I am there.**

There is no god like you, God of Jesus, neither on earth nor elsewhere in the whole universe!

A God who keeps every promise and shows unswerving love to your servants
who with all their hearts walk in your ways.

**Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer,
in whom we live and move and have our being.**

Opening Prayer

***Songs of Praise**

Hymn #136

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (vv. 1,4)

Nicaea

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Hymn #656

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Baloché

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;

Open the eyes of my heart--

I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;

Open the eyes of my heart--

I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,

Shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy; holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy; I want to see You.
Holy, holy, holy; holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy; I want to see You.

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Almighty and everlasting God, you say: "Be strong in me and in my mighty power."

We say: "On Sunday we will."

You say: "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand your ground."

We say: "We will when we feel like it."

God you say: "Buckle the belt of truth around your waist."

We say: "Truth is hard. Maybe later."

You say: "With the breastplate of righteousness in place, with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace, and with the shield of faith, you can be my witnesses."

We say: "We witness to your holiness in the church building."

God, you say: "Use the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

We say: "The word of God is spoken by the pastor on Sundays."

And we are sorry. We confess that we have tried to limit you by containing you within a place and time. We are called to exhibit your nourishing and transforming presence always and in everything but are poor examples. Forgive us, we pray, by your grace.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness inspired by John 6:68-69

***Gloria Patri (#734)**

"Glory Be to the Father"

Greatarex

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.

First Scripture Reading

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

p. 533

Special Music

"Chapel Aria"

Scott

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 84

p. 922

Sermon

"Windows to God, Mirrors for the Soul: Living Memories"

****Hymn of Response***

"Each Christian Has a Calling"

Gambrell

Each Christian has a calling to serve in Jesus' name:

A mission from the Spirit, a purpose in God's reign.

Refrain: Together, as Christ's body, we work and sing and pray

With thanks and praise to Jesus: the life, the truth, the way.

Some show the life of Jesus by helping those in need:

With acts of great compassion, with loving words and deeds. (Refrain)

Some seek the truth of Jesus and serve as trusted guides:

They measure, lead, and nurture, they order and provide. (Refrain)

Some teach the way of Jesus by sharing sacred signs:
The stories of the scriptures, the water, bread, and wine. (Refrain)

We join with all the faithful of every time and place:
All servants of the gospel, all ministers of grace. (Refrain)

***Affirmation of Faith** from the Second Helvetic Confession (selections from Ch. 17)**
The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers of all benefits which are freely offered through Christ. This holy Church of God is called the temple of the living God. The Church is not limited to any times or places, all are citizens of the one city who live under the same Lord, under the same laws, and in the same fellowship of all good things. The Church will show that they are Christ's disciples by persevering in the bond of peace and holy unity, as the presence of God to all they encounter.

Joys and Concerns

Responsive Prayers of the People

*. . . O God, keep your promise.
You have the words of life.*

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***

"In My Life Lord, Be Glorified"

Kilpatrick

In my life, Lord, be glorified be glorified,
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In Your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

****Benediction***

****Postlude***

"Let Praise Ring Forth"

Broughton

**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 PC(USA) Book of Confessions and emphasizes the church and its life and affirms the authority of the Scriptures for the church's government and reformation.*

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: Jean Holdener
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music: Hannah Eby
Musicians: Hannah Eby, John & Kristen Eby

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