

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, August 2, 2020

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Presbyterian Church Gathered on Facebook Live

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all you who hunger and thirst.

We come to feast on the life-giving Word.

Here, love abounds and grace overflows.

Here, blessings multiply as gifts are shared.

Come--let us pour ourselves out in prayer and praise,

and open ourselves to renewal and rest.

*OPENING PRAYER

Glorious God, your generosity fills the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 620

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*
- 2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

3. *Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

4. *Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

May God be with you in worship there.

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our brokenness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundance, in your hands meager offerings become bread to feed a multitude. Your mercy overflows to fill deserted landscapes with hope and grace. In you there is always more than enough. But we only see scarcity: too few resources to share with our neighbors, too little energy to respond to those in need. We turn from those who suffer rather than offering compassion and care. Transform us, we pray. Open our hands to share freely and generously and stretch our hearts to new expressions of love.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Life is stronger than death. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and free. **Amen!**

*THE GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

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. Amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE

EL CAMINO

*When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.*

*When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

Here ends the psalm. **Amen**

Matthew 14:13-21

The gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Jeff Moles

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of Belhar

We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and nourishes the Church from the beginning of the world to the end. The Church is holy; the Church is universal; it is the fellowship of God's children, called together from the whole of humanity to proclaim God's wonderful deeds. We believe that God wants to bring about true justice and lasting peace on earth; we believe that God is, in a special sense, the God of the suffering, the poor, and the downtrodden. We praise God who gives justice to the oppressed and bread to the hungry; who sets captives free and makes the blind to see; who protects strangers, orphans, and widows and obstructs the plans of the wicked. We believe that the Church belongs to God and that it should stand where God stands: against injustice and with those who are wronged. We commit ourselves to reject all forms of injustice in ourselves and amongst us; and to struggle against all forms of injustice and every teaching that allows injustices to flourish. We are called to confess and do all this in obedience to Jesus Christ, our only Lord, even if authorities or laws oppose this, even if punishment and suffering may be the consequence. Jesus is Lord! We will follow him! To the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be honor and glory for ever and ever.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Craig Carnahan

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part of your family. We thank you for these gifts. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit that we may be your witnesses, sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

1. *Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

Refrain:

*Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound! [Repeat]*

2. *Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]*
3. *Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

Liturgical Resources Used in Today's Worship:

Call to Worship, Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, *African Prayer Book*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education and Mission

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