

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, July 26, 2020

The Seventeenth 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 *Psalm 105*

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him;

Tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and dangers of this world, that we may know that you are for us and that nothing more powerful can ever stand against us. Help us this day to be reminded that nothing can separate us from your love. Amen.

*HYMN 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King*
- 2. Praise him for his grace and favor
To his people in distress
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness

3. *Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;*
Well our feeble frame he knows.
Motherlike, she gently bears us;
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy shows.

4. *Angels help us to adore him;*
You behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: **May God be with you in worship there.**

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

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. When confronted with disease and death and life's difficulties, we sometimes become fearful and forget to trust in you. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Christ Jesus.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

If God be for us, who can be against us. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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

WONDROUS LOVE

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this the caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul!
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, living God through the songs of your people, through the voices of your apostles, through the breath of your Spirit, and through the life of your Son. By hearing, may we be challenged to live according to your word, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 105: 1-11

Here ends the psalm. **Amen**

Solo (based on Romans 8)

Shall Tribulation or Distress
Shelby Wooldridge, soloist

Sally Ann Morris

Romans 8: 26-39

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
Whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
And makes everyone equally in God's image,
Male and female of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
Sets us free to accept ourselves and love God and neighbor,
And binds us together with all believers
In the one body of Christ, the church.**

**With believers in every time and place,
We rejoice that nothing in life or in death
Can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Arr. Dan Forrest

Patrick Ritsch, soloist

*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 833

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

- 1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*
- 2. O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be*
- 3. O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.*
- 4. O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

Liturgical Sources Used:

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

Jill Duffield, *Presbyterian Outlook*

Book of Confessions, PCUSA

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Dennis Jewett, Minister of Music

PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

Rev. David Madewell

ASSISTING

Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education & Mission

Stephanie Dubé, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School

MUSICIANS

Patrick Ritsch, Organist, Soloist

Shelby Wooldridge, Soloist

Jeff Moles, Pianist