



Service of Midday Prayer
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
First Presbyterian Church, Gathered Online

Opening Sentences

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Ps. 124:8

Maker of heaven and earth.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 Jn. 4:7-8

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

1 Jn. 1:8-9, 1 Jn 1:7

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our brokenness.

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

If we walk in the light of God, we have fellowship with one another, and in Christ we find liberation from all sin. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and freed! **Amen.**

Hymn 425

Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace

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1. Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God most holy,
To your presence we have come; give us now your love.
2. Take away our sinfulness, evil that imprisons us;
Free us from what troubles us; give our souls release.

3. Warm our hearts to love you, Lord, you who died to save us;
Gather us within your arms, Jesus, on this day.

Scripture Lesson

1 John 3:1-17

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Dismissal

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

1 Jn 3:18

The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**
Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**