



Service of Midday Prayer

Wednesday, April 28, 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; 1 Jn. 4:7-8
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
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 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharp he knew, for us, the tempter overthrew.

3. For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.
4. For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
For us he sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
5. All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

Scripture Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

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 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
2. Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.
3. Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.
4. Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
That we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.
5. Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

Dismissal

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.
The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**
Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**

1 Jn 3:18