



Service of Midday Prayer

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

OPENING SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord *Ps. 124:8*
maker of heaven and earth.

Jesus says: You are the light of the world. *Matt. 5:14, 16*
Let your light shine before others.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM
(Hymn 763)

Psalm 82

Tune: THE CRY OF THE POOR

Refrain:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 7: 1-12

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

Sung Response:

***You shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, Alleluia!***

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Beatitudes for a Matthew 25 Congregation,
based on Matt. 5:1-12 and the three Matthew 25 priorities of the Presbyterean Church (U.S.A.)*

Blessed are those who serve the poor,
they will be called the children of God.

Systemic Poverty

Blessed are those who share the wealth,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who work for good,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who open doors,
they will be called the children of God.

Structural Racism

Blessed are those who break down walls,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who challenge hate,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who live their faith,
they will be called the children of God.

Congregational Vitality

Blessed are those who speak the truth,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who show Christ's love,
they will be called the children of God.

HYMN 175

Seek Ye First

Tune: LAFFERTY

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you
Seek, and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.

DISMISSAL

God is with us in Jesus Christ.

Matt. 1:23

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.