



Service of Midday Prayer

Wednesday, July 22, 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 801, alt)

Psalm 23

Tune: BROTHER JAMES AIR

1. The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast richly spread
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
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and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6: 7-14

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 Presbyterian 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 372

O For a World

Tune: AZMON

1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

DISMISSAL

God is with us in Jesus Christ.

Matt. 1:23

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.