

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, July 19, 2020

The Sixteenth 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

We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

**We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:**

within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

**We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life:**

the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

**We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\*HYMN 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

- 1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!  
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,  
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.*
- 2. Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.  
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,*

*deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.*

3. *Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,  
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.*
  
4. *You have eternal life implanted in the soul;  
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!*

#### 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. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. 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!

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! 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 (Hymn 411, sung twice)

DIOS ESTA AQUÍ

*God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,  
As certain as the morning sun that rises,  
As certain when I sing you'll hear my song.*

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: in visions and dreams, through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:10-19a

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

Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24

Here ends the psalm. **Amen.**

SERMON

Jeff Moles

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**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.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Psalm 139*

Hal Hopson

Shelby Wooldridge, 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 766

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

MCKEE

1. *The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.  
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.*
2. *True faith will open up the door and step into the street.  
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.*
3. *True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.  
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.*
4. *If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,  
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.*
5. *The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.  
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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*\*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*

# LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

## PREACHING

*Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education & Mission*

## PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

*Rev. David Madewell*

## ASSISTING

*Dennis Jewett, Director of Music*

*Stephanie Dubé, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School*

## MUSICIANS

*Patrick Ritsch, Organist*

*Shelby Wooldridge*