

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, July 5, 2020

The Fourteenth 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

Come to our God, all who hunger for life:
for it is God who nourishes us at the table of grace.
Come to our God, all who are worn out by life:
for it is God who provides the rest we need.
Come to our God, all who are weighed down:
for it is our God who carries our burdens with us.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us courage like you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

1. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.*

2. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.*

3. *I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.*

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

Lord, we do not understand our own actions. We do the very things we hate and yet with you there is forgiveness, with you there is mercy. Hear us as we humbly confess the ways we have gone astray — like lost sheep, seek us out and bring us home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Merciful God, you reveal your will to us through the Word and by the Spirit, but we refuse to listen and follow. We do the very things we hate and then feel trapped in guilt and shame. We long to know the abundant life Jesus came to give, but neglect to take up his yoke and learn from him. Forgive us for not doing that which we know to do. Forgive us for not being who you call and create us to be. Accept our confession and free us yet again from the burdens we can no longer bear.

Silence is kept for personal prayer

POURING OF THE WATERS & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

Jesus said: “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! 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 543, refrain)

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace:

Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, the chaos of the world encircles and frightens us. We worry about tomorrow, even though you tell us not to be anxious. Send your Spirit to quiet our distractions and draw us to you so that we might know the peace of your close presence. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Romans 7:15-25a

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

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

SERMON

Jeff Moles

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from The Confession of Belhar

We believe in God--the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church.

We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints,
called from the entire human family.

We believe the church is the single community of believers,
reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force
and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world.

We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups
has been conquered by Christ.

We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal.

We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*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...**

...Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.**

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. You feed us with your body and you satisfy our deepest hunger. We thank you for these gifts. No 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

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

GLORY, GLORY, HALLELUJAH

1. *Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down.*
2. *I feel better, so much better...
3. Feel like shoutin' hallelujah...
4. Friends don't treat me like they used to...
5. Glory, glory, hallelujah...*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

Liturgical Sources Used:

Book of Common Worship

Thom M. Shuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*

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

Kerry Showers

Nadia Wilkes