

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10 May 2020

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way,
revealed to us your truth,
and offered to us everlasting life.
Keep our eyes upon him,
that we may see your path more clearly,
know your truth more fully,
and receive your life more abundantly;
through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory. Amen.

Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship from Psalm 31:1-5

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

**Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.**

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

**You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Hymn 246 "Christ Is Alive"

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and
prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Call to Confession

Brother and sisters, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness.
Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you give us choices each and every day.
This week we have seen your path,
and turned away from it.
We have seen our brother or sister in need
and we did not turn to help.

Lord, have mercy.

We have said cruel or unkind words,
or refrained from saying helpful words
when they were needed.

Lord, have mercy.

We have been critical of those
who failed to offer us a helping hand,
while ignoring our own apathy towards others.

Lord, have mercy.

We have used our resources, gifts from you,
to help only ourselves.

Lord, have mercy.

We give you thanks that in spite of ourselves
you show your love to us in many ways
each and every day.

Lord, your love sustains us.

We give you thanks for life and breath today,
for health and food to eat,
and a beautiful world to live in.

Lord, your love sustains us.

We give you thanks for the many people in our lives
who love us, who care for us,
whose presence brings us joy.

Lord, your love sustains us.

We give you thanks for this community of faith,
faithful in every season, singing your praises,
encouraging us to give our utmost to our Savior.

Lord, your love sustains us.

We give you thanks for sending your son Jesus Christ
through whose death we receive pardon,
through whose resurrection we have hope.

God of grace, everything we are belongs to you,
be with us this week as we go out into the world.

Lord, your love sustains us and gives us peace.

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us
through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Summary of the Law

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit,
call us out of darkness and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

Lesson

John 14:1–14

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

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray

Hymn 836 "Abide With Me"

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Benediction