

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

29 March 2020

Prayer of Preparation

O God, we are so grateful. You opened the door for us to be a part of your kingdom and to enjoy eternity with Christ. Give us the strength to continue our witness for you. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Let us come before the Lord with songs and praise in our hearts!

For in Christ, death was defeated and threatens us no more.

Life is worth celebrating as we carry the Gospel to all nations.

For no power in heaven or on earth can strip us from the hand of God.

Let us each one know we are special in the heart of God. Together let us pray.

You are merciful and just in the deliverance of your people, O God. You draw us up out of the depths of distress; you incline your ear as we call on your name. Our souls rest in you and in the promise of Christ's redeeming love. Lay now your hand upon us, and draw us out by your Spirit, that we may sing praise to your name.

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God.

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb Who is the great 'I am';

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;

While millions join the theme, I will sing.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we allow ourselves to take for granted the eternity you promise us, and we are tempted to seek out the pleasures of the world around us instead of serving you alone. Forgive us and renew our call into your kingdom, that we might continue to serve you as faithful witnesses of your mercy and love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

New Testament Lesson

John 11:1-16

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

Sermon

In All Things Christ

Rev. Edward Bellis

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Benediction