

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

24 May 2020

Prayer of Preparation

O God, the rainbow reminds us that you remember your covenant to love us despite our flaws. We are thankful for our memory of one night in a room where people gathered around their master. In the breaking of bread and sharing of cup, the Rabbi called them (and us) to remember the sacrifice to come. He gave up his life so our world might become a better place. Help us in this time together to remember and where our memories fail us may we remember the bigger story that proclaims your love for us and for the world. Amen.

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

In a world filled with violence and war,

We gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

We gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

In a world filled with hunger and greed,

we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

We gather together in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth to worship God.

Hymn 331

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

National Hymn

God of the ages, whose almighty
hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the
past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pesti-
lence, be thy strong arms our ever-sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
They bounteous goodness nourish us in peace

Refresh thy people on their toilsome
way. Lead us from night to never ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Prayer of Confession

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise,” we sing these great proclamations, but we confess at times we do not sing with our hearts. At times, our words fall short and meaningless. We do not follow your Way and commandments. We fail to step aside to see the poor and needy around us and continue our narrow way, helping only ourselves and failing to see your wisdom and insight or follow your example. Forgive us our foolish ways and guide us to the right paths, remembering your wisdom and grace, so that we might fill our hearts and sing with the joy that comes from knowing your love in our lives. In the name of Christ, 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

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 4:1-7

Sermon

Who Will Remember? Rev. Edward Bellis

Hymn # 338 v.1

“O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”

Materna

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown they good with brotherhood* from sea to shining sea!

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Benediction