

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation

Order of Worship

28 June 2020

Prayer of Preparation

O God, I praise you this morning. You are the giver of all life and you provide for what you have made. Be with my spirit this day and teach me to be thankful for all that you offer. Move me to be generous with others, sharing not only goods, but also time, patience, and kindness. You know what will happen today. Guide me so that I do what pleases you. Be near to me and help me to trust your love. I pray for all the world today, for what I do has effects far beyond what I can know or understand. By your Holy Spirit, let me speak peace, let me do peace, let me be peace, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

***Call to Worship from Psalm 89**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

O Lord God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O Lord?

Your faithfulness surrounds you.

**You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise,
you still them.**

Together let us pray.

Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy.

Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal,

to be forgiven and to forgive, to be freed from sin and to set others free, to tell one another and the world:

God's presence is at hand.

Let us worship God.

Hymn 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised
Pat K. Rowlett, soprano

Bode/Mann

724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

Prayer of Confession

Hear our cries to you, O Lord:

for our lack of compassion toward the poor,
have mercy on us;

for our failure to end the destruction of air, water, soil,
and creatures on Earth, have mercy on us;

for our disbelief in your power to make us whole,
have mercy on us;

for making war, have mercy on us;

for mistrusting your Word, have mercy on us;

for all that we have done and have not done out of hardened
hearts, have mercy on us.

Forgive us and renew us. Guide us into ways that do not deny you but lead to peace.

Silent Confession

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

Lesson

Matthew 10:40-42

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

Sermon

A Cup of Cold of Water

Rev. Bellis

*Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith (PCUSA 1991) Chapter 9(4)

Christ calls us to live for our neighbors.

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

Solo

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
Pat k. Rowlett, soprano

North/Gardiner

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Benediction