



JULY 5, 2020
COMMUNION SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE Variations on “America”

Charles Wesley

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

Here. Now. In the midst of our routines.

The Holy One who created heaven and earth forms us afresh today.

Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker.

Come let us worship our God!

HYMN NO. 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

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God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling, can you hear? God is calling, can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors’ urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling, can you hear? God is calling, can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling, and we hear! God is calling, and we hear!

CALL TO CONFESSION

based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

The proof of God’s amazing love is this:

While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have given us your word, God, bound in a book. And we ignore it. Sometimes we use it to prove that we are right and our enemies wrong. Sometimes we use it to hide from our responsibility to your world. Sometimes we use it to avoid change and growth. We use it as a weapon. We use it as an excuse. We use it to avoid thinking for ourselves. We confess that we read what we like, and pretend the rest is not there. Worst of all, God, we think we can keep your Word bound in a dusty book, safe and harmless. We forget that you are a God who will not be bound, a God who breaks all chains. Gracious God, forgive our narrowness and our cowardly faith. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God’s forgiving love. God who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A New Calling, Can You Hear?

Rev. Ann L. Pitman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39, NRSV

I believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

I believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God's human family whatever their race, creed, color, gender, marital status, physical or mental capacity.

I believe God's creation is good, beautiful, sacred, and therefore to condemn any portion of God's creation is to condemn a portion of God. This is sin.

I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and to make disciples, people willing to live Christ's discipline of love and justice for all.

I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died.

Glory be to God, the One in Three: Creator, Savior, and Holy power of love. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION At This Table

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Idina Menzel

Cassandra Petrie, soloist, Vaughn Roste, piano

At this table, ev'ryone is welcome. At this table, ev'ryone is seen.

At this table, ev'rybody matters; No one falls between.

At this table, sinners are forgiven. At this table, hurting folk are healed.

At this table, hungry folk are nourished. There's enough for ev'ryone.

So come as you are. Remember that the door is always open. Yes, come, as you are.

The perfect gift that you can bring is your heart. So come, come as you are.

At this table, there will be no judgment. At this table, mercy has a seat.

At this table, we are all God's children. All are equal at God's feet.

So come as you are. Remember that the door is always open. Yes, come, as you are.

The perfect gift that you can bring is your heart. So come, come as you are.

At this table, ev'ryone is welcome. At this table, ev'rybody cares.

At this table, ev'rybody matters; So come, just as you are.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Cor. 11:23-26

Hear the words of institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: this cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes. Let us offer God our grateful praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to you, Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Meditation for Communion Text by Reginald Heber (1783-1826); Music by Jay Althouse
Jennifer Poiry, Cassandra Petrie, Vaughn Roste, and Srikanth Sriramula, soloists

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life are spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be the feast to us the token, that by thy grace our souls are fed

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed.
Amen, Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, send us out from our Lord's table to answer his summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do show forth his love. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN NO.796 We Come to You for Healing, Lord LAND OF REST
**We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
And pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.**

**As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
We know you come among us still with power to heal again.**

**You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care,
And through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.**

**Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low,
Grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.**

**We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
In trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.**

MUSICAL BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin
*Fran Page, Cassandra Petrie, Jennifer Poiry, Scott McMeen,
Marj Sapp, Sandy Shearer, Srikanth Sriramula, Vaughn Roste, soloists*

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you;
and give you peace, the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE March in G Henry Smart

*Thank you for joining us today,
and we welcome you to join us via live stream next Sunday, July 12
for English worship at 11:00am or Korean worship at 1:00pm, in-person in McKay Hall.*

*We invite you to mail in pledges and offerings to
First Presbyterian Church 300 W. Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802, or go online and give
at www.firstpresfortwayne.org, where you can also find updated information on our events.*

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