

First Presbyterian Church

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*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

*Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 21, 2020*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls; to you we offer our lives. For you are good and forgiving, and abounding in steadfast love. In heaven, on earth, there is none like you. Your works are beyond compare. For you are great; you work wonders. You alone are God.

*HYMN # "Holy, Holy, Holy"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**"Do not fear," you tell us. But we cower before threats to our comfort and security, not trusting your promise to care for us nor boldly stepping forward in faith.
"Take up the cross," you tell us. But we live as though death still holds dominion, and refuse to take risks for the sake of the gospel; we fail to challenge powers that diminish and principalities that destroy.
Forgive us, Lord. Help us to live with you and for you.
Make us worthy to bear the name of Christ.**

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 2:1-11 (p. 914)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lord Show Me How to Count My Days"
*Written by Norman Cocker & Martin Leckebusch / Performed by
Hannah Cruse (see words on pg. 2 of bulletin)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MUSIC INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 2:12-29 (p. 915)

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Justice and Law"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #365 "God Reigns! Let the Earth Rejoice"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967 (9.32-33)*

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.
His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.**

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Aria"
by Flor Peeters

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #750 "Goodness is Stronger"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE & POSTLUDE "Prelude in d minor"
by J.S. Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

Rhonda Banasiak is today's Liturgist.
Liz Thomas is leading today's Children's Moment
Hannah Cruse is Director of Music.
Douglas Ferguson is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.
***Please stand if you are able.**



SPECIAL MUSIC/SETTING OF PSALM 39

Lord, show me how to count my days,
for life is like a single breath:
so swift, the passing of the years,
so brief, the course from birth to death;
and all my labor seems in vain,
however great the wealth I gain.

I have no hope, except in you,
so show me mercy for my sin;
let not my heart be overwhelmed
as I receive your discipline.
In hushed and holy awe I stand:
I feel my pain; I sense your hand.

But why should those who scorn your name
derive enjoyment from my fear?
I keep my feelings to myself
whenever godless ears are near;
yet how the fires within me burn
until, at last, to you I turn.

A stranger in the midst of life,
a rootless traveler passing through,
I ask you, Lord, to hear my prayer,
and not to spurn my cry to you;
but let me find, instead of tears,
sufficient joys for all my years.

