

THE SERVICE of Worship

July 26, 2020
Ordinary Time
10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON
established 1870

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Members of the Ruth Greer Handbell Choir:
Ginger and Doug Anderson, Lynn Duhon, Colleen Oates
Edwin Walker, Piano, Becky Lormor, Director
For personal reflection please see Glory to God 15

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1628
Arr. Albert Zabel

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

God who gathers us together across miles and distance,

weave us into holy community as we sing, pray, and give thanks.

God who enlivens the stories of scripture,

bring the words of our ancestors to life and help us hear them anew.

God who reigns in the kingdom of heaven,

give us faith and courage as we seek to bring about your kingdom on earth.

HYMN OF CHRIST'S WORD | “Be Thou My Vision”

Glory to God 450

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**Steadfast God, you are persistent, continuously acting with grace
and justice to redeem this world.**

**We lack that same persistence, giving up hope too quickly
and easily succumbing to fear and uncertainty.**

**Give us courage to demand justice and perseverance
as we insist that a better world is possible.**

Remind us to be persistent in our faith. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

God's grace is boundless, infinite, and miraculous.

Like the mustard seed that grows into a tree,

God's grace grows within us to forgive us, redeem us, and claim us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Pastor Jessie

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1: 6-11

SERMON

Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

HYMN OF A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH | "O for a World"

Glory to God 372

1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Second Helvetic Confession*

What do we profess about Jesus Christ?

We quite openly profess and preach that Jesus Christ is the sole Redeemer and Savior of the world, the King and High Priest, the true and awaited Messiah, that holy and blessed one whom all the types of the law and predictions of the prophets prefigured and promised; and that God appointed him beforehand and sent him to us, so that we are not now to look for any other. Now there only remains for all of us to give all glory to Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison*

**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**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"This Is My Song"
Members of the Ruth Greer Handbell Choir
Becky Lormor, Director
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FINLANDIA
Jean Sibelius
Arr. Jason W. Krug (ASCAP)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Toccatà in C Major"
Edwin Walker, Organist

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)