

THE SERVICE of Worship

August 16, 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

“Amazing Grace”
Edwin Walker, Organ

George Shearing

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 is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,

show us compassion and make us gracious recipients of your love.

HYMN OF ADORATION | “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

Glory to God 619

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

2. Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

3. Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, Praise God's name!

4. Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

God of the ages, like Jonah, we seek to flee from your presence, fearful of what you have called us to do in the world. We confess that we do not always bring our whole selves to this work. We come half-heartedly, offering not our first fruits but instead what is left after the harvest. Too often, we look over our shoulders at an idealized past rather than moving forward with enthusiasm. God, forgive us, and help us commit ourselves fully to your ministry of grace and compassion. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Even amidst the storms at sea, God is gracious. Even in the belly of the whale, God is merciful. Even when we are surrounded by deep waters, God is abounding in steadfast love.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 - 4:11

SERMON

Pastor Rosy Robson

HYMN OF GOD'S BEAUTY AND PEACE | "How Lovely, Lord"

Glory to God 402

1. How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.
2. In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord
than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.
3. A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;
you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.
The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,
and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

"Lord of the Dance"
Max Bitner, Soloist

Traditional Shaker Melody
Arr. by Mark Hayes

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Sortie in D Major"
Edwin Walker, Organ

César Franck

