

# THE SERVICE of Worship

September 6, 2020  
Communion Sunday  
10:30 A.M.



FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH of  
RICHARDSON  
established 1870

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

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”  
Edwin Walker, Organist

J. S. Bach

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

As we gather as a community and raise our voices in song,

**Lord, teach us your ways.**

As we listen to your holy scripture and reflect together,

**Lord, give us new understanding.**

As we pray and give thanks,

**Lord, lead us and give us life. Let us worship God!**

HYMN OF WORSHIP | “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

*Glory to God 396*

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses’ sister aided him.  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?  
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?  
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!  
Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.  
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.  
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we’ll sit down.  
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**Christ our teacher, you have shown us how to receive eternal life:  
by loving God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind,  
and loving our neighbor as ourselves.**

**And yet we struggle each day to love God with our whole being,  
and even more so to love our neighbors.**

**We find ways to distance ourselves from those in need,  
from those who find themselves in the ditches of life.**

**While we ask, “who is my neighbor?” we know that you call us to treat each  
and every person as a neighbor and child of God.**

**Forgive us for our shortcomings, and help us to love more fully. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Now is the moment to wake from sleep. For Jesus first loved us,  
and in grace we are free to love one another.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, free, and called to love.  
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Jessie and Pastor David

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 149 *and* Exodus 12:1-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 13:8-14

SERMON

Pastor David Schaefer

A HYMN OF JOY | “We Will Go Out with Joy”

*Glory to God 539*

1. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.  
We will go out with joy in the spirit; we will go out with God. *Refrain*

2. Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.  
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy. *Refrain*

3. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.  
We will go out with joy in the spirit; we will go out with God. *Fine*

*Refrain: Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

APOSTLES' CREED | *Unison*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“An Instrument of Thy Peace”  
Members of The Sanctuary Choir  
Ralph Stannard, Director

Debra Scroggins

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Glory to God Pg. 35*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude on HOLY MANNA”  
Edwin Walker, Organist

Dale Wood