

THE SERVICE of Worship

November 15, 2020
Stewardship Season
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

“Prelude on *For the Beauty of the Earth*”

Ruth Greer Handbell Ensemble
Edwin Walker, Organ; Becky Lormor, Director
For reflection please see Glory to God 14

DIX
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

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Can you imagine an unfettered, unrestricted, unbound love?
Free and bold, wild and true, the kind of love that changes you?
Can you imagine a home—safe and bright, with impromptu dancing,
meals around table, and laughter late into the night?
Can you imagine faith like a compass?
Faith that guides the way you shop and vote, the way you love and hope;
that asks questions and yet still believes, even despite uncertainty?
Can you imagine a world where trees, bees, and all living things grow wild and free?
Where peace is the narrative and hope the currency?
A world where news stories are testimonies and funerals are far between?
Can you imagine?

Yes, we can imagine.

Today in worship, dare to dream. Dare to imagine what could be.
And pay attention, for God is here, in wandering thoughts, hopes, and prayers.

Let us worship holy God, that great unfettered and unbound love.

HYMN OF DEDICATION | “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Glory to God 716

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God of Grace,

You invite us to dream of a better world,

But instead we bury our heads in the sand.

We are afraid to recognize how much must change.

**We are afraid, because if we know the truth,
then don't we have a job to do?**

So instead, more often than not, we maintain the status quo.

We passively allow things to stay the same.

We don't speak out; we don't imagine a new day.

We don't dream of a world without racism, sexism, bigotry, or shame.

Instead we allow ourselves to believe that some things will never change.

Forgive us. Show us the way. Teach us to dream.

Teach us to imagine again.

Humbly we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Psalm 25: 8-9

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore God instructs sinners in the way.

**The Lord leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble the way.**

Friends, believe the good news:

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor David

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38-44

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 19:9-10, 25:8-12

SERMON

“Reimagining the Prophet’s Call”

Pastor David Schaeffers

HYMN OF MISSION | “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Glory to God 744

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

THE NICENE CREED | *Unison*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Paddy Nichols

OFFERTORY

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Ruth Greer Handbell Ensemble
For reflection please see Glory to God 465

CONVERSE
Charles C. Converse
Arr. by Susan E. Geschke

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Now Thank We All Our God"
Edwin Walker, Organist

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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