

THE SERVICE of Worship

October 3, 2021
Heritage Sunday
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.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Meditation on "Beautiful Savior"
The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir; Becky Lormor, Director
For reflection, please see Glory to God 630, "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Silesian Folk Tune
Arr. Cathy Moglebust

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Come, all who hunger for good news.

We thirst for words of hope and healing.

Come, from rural road and city street, from places near and far.

Come in-person and online, alone, and with others.

We all gather at the Lord's invitation.

Come, join the celebration. Bring offerings of thanksgiving. Sing songs of praise!

Let us worship the Lord with all that is in us!

For the Lord God has plans for you, plans of hope and a future.

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*HYMN OF CELEBRATION | "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Glory to God 687

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

Gracious God,

we confess that we have not loved you as we should.

In our self-centered striving,

we forget the needs of our neighbors.

We stumble over our own self-interest

as we ignore your presence in our lives.

We fail to trust that you are providing for us

and working out your purposes on earth.

Forgive us, Lord.

Help us to be attentive to your call.

Grant us a clear conscience, a sincere faith,

and a peace that surpasses all understanding,

so that we may live not according to our works,

but according to your grace.

Amen.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI | *Sung*

Glory to God 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor David and Pastor Rosy

ANTHEM

“O Love”

Elaine Hagenberg

The Sanctuary Choir; Edwin Walker, Piano
Ralph Stannard, Director

*O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seeks me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.*

Prayer by Rev. George Matheson 1882

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALTER

Psalm 106:1-5

Give thanks to the Lord and do what is right.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Stand firm in the Lord and rejoice!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:1

Jesus journeys toward Jerusalem, gathering the people and teaching.

SERMON

“Again I Will Say, Rejoice”

Pastor David Schaefer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE | “Joyful, Joyful. We Adore Thee”

Glory to God 611

*APOSTLES' CREED | *Unison*

Traditional Version

**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

“St. Patrick’s Hymn”
The Sanctuary Choir; Edwin Walker, Pianist
Ralph Stannard, Director

Dan Forrest
St. Patrick, 5th Century

*May the strength of God pilot us.
May the wisdom of God instruct us.
May the hand of God protect us.
Be always ours this day and forever more.*

*DOXOLOGY | “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Glory to God 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | *Responsively*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

HYMN OF EXALTATION | “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Glory to God 559

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, hear our prayer.
For the Church universal, and for this 151-year-old congregation of your people,

we give you thanks, O God.

For this holy body in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,

we give you thanks, O God.

For technology and skills that have allowed us to stay connected
and to grow in our faith, even when we are apart,

we give you thanks, O God.

For your presence among us whenever your word has been proclaimed,
your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,

we give you thanks, O God.

For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace,
who in your embrace were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism,
and raised to new and eternal life,

we give you thanks, O God.

For disciples young and old who have been nurtured in faith,

we give you thanks, O God.

For all who have come here asking your blessing in marriage, seeking to love with your love,

we give you thanks, O God.

For lay leaders, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us,
and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry,

we give you thanks, O God.

For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others, serving you by loving neighbors,

we give you thanks, O God.

For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith
and emboldens our witness,

we give you thanks, O God.

For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship, service and art,
and for all whose lives have been touched by them,

we give you thanks, O God.

Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us,
and open us to the future you promise. In the years that lie ahead, grant us your
encouragement in the work of ministry, your consolation in our defeats,
and your challenge to our complacency. Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit,
that we may find joy and peace in our common life, strength and courage
to live in the world for your reign, and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Rigaudon”
Edwin Walker, Organist

André Campra
(1660-1774)