

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 15, 2018

9:45 A.M.

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art

Linker

WELCOME (*Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.*)

CHORAL INTROIT

Portrait of Praise

Butler

I will sing a song of praise to God for He has given my heart a new song. I will sing a song of praise to God for He has given my heart a new song. New song, new song, a new song.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (adapted from Ephesians 1: 3, 5, 11-12)

Leader: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

People: **God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

Leader: *God has accomplished all things through Christ,*

People: **so that we might live as God's own children.**

Leader: *Let us give thanks to God;*

People: **and live for the praise of God's glory.**

HYMN #610 *O For a Thousand Tongues* (*please stand if able*)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You call us to be Your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to You. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of Your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ.....(*time for us to offer silent prayers of confession*) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE #582

Glory to God

(please stand if able)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
Whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand if able)*

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HYMN #698 *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

Choir will sing through once; congregation join for the 2nd time.

Take, O take me as I am;
sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart
and live in me.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “*The Peace of Christ*”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision
Victoria Provost, soloist

Chilcott

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me,
save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; be thou ever with me,
and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven,
my treasure thou art; great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, be thou my vision, be thou my vision, O Ruler
of all.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

.....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.

OFFERTORY

Lead Me Lord

Will Todd

*Lead me Lord, in your righteousness. Make your way clear before
my face. Only my Lord brings me safety so lead me, Lord. Lead me,
Lord, lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord.*

DOXOLOGY

(please stand if able)

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

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*from PCUSA Mission Yearbook*)

Thank You for filling us with every spiritual grace that we might be a blessing for others. Consecrate the gifts we offer for the increase of Your love. May they bring blessing to others and praise to Your glorious name. Amen. (*please be seated*)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 1: 3-14 (pew Bible pg. 949)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for

the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Pastor: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *“Discovering Your Identity”* Jon Frost
Session One of our Preaching/Teaching Series on Ephesians
“Identity Theft – Reclaiming Your Identity in Christ”

HYMN #293 *Loving Spirit* (*please stand if able*)

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,
You have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
Feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
Hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed:
In your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* Manz