

Welcome All
to
Sunday Worship Service



JUNE 14, 2020

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First Presbyterian Church
June 14, 2020
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Proper 6

Prelude: "Psalm of Praise"

Pavel Ivanov –Radjevich, 1878-1972—arr. E. Lorenz

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

All: Lord, send us out into your harvest.

Opening Hymn: "The God of Abraham Praise"

No. 488

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

God of all power and peace,
as Jesus sent his disciples out
to heal the sick, cast out demons,
gather the lost, raise the dead,
and proclaim the nearness of your realm,
make us ready to go and share
the good news we have received;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Through our Lord Jesus Christ
we have obtained access
to the grace in which we stand.
With confidence in God's grace,
let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, without your grace,
we are like sheep without a shepherd.
Sometimes we are harassed by sin
and feel helpless against its power.
Sometimes, in our sin, we use our own power
to harass the helpless.
We are wolves in sheep's clothing,
innocent as serpents and wise as doves.

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Prayer of Confession *(continued)*

**Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home.
Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray;
through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison *(singing in unison)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Since we are justified by faith
we have peace with God
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri

**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.**

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, by your Spirit
teach us to obey your voice
and keep your covenant
so that we may be a priestly kingdom,
your holy people, filled with compassion;
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

P. 552 in the Old Testament

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Congregational Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

No. 388

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8

P.P. 9-10 in the New Testament

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Sermon: Christ's Compassion

Rev. Jim DeMent

Matthew 9:36: When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Silence and stillness

Congregational Hymn: "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

No. 428

Affirmation of Faith *(unison)*

The Creed of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

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Affirmation of Faith *(continued)*

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

No. 393



We have reproduced below the lyrics of the hymns that Robert Wyatt will be playing for this "Virtual Worship Service." All the hymns below are either in the public domain or have been reproduced, under license, from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville: 1990). We encourage you to read and sing along at home, as Robert plays the hymns he has selected with comfort, hope, strength, and courage in, now, the Season of Eastertide. Follow the verses in this order:

Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days,
The God of Love!
The Lord, the great I Am,
By earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name,
Forever blest.

You have eternal life
Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay,
While ages roll.
We praise You, living God!
We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought,
And still the same!

Your spirit still flows free,
High surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old
And You speak still.
Established is Your law,
And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart,
On sea, or land.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O let me feel Thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.

We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lonely in distress,
Is angels' work below.

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace--
It is a Christ-like thing.

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Take up your cross, the Savior said,
If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,
And humbly follow after Me.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
And let your foolish heart be still;
The Lord for you accepted death
Upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross; let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
And calmly every danger brave:
It guides you to abundant life
And leads to victory o'er the grave.



Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

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due to public health concerns.**

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Choirmaster's Notes

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), who wrote "The God of Abraham Praise," was orphaned at an early age and led a dissolute life until he had a conversion experience during a revival in Bristol, England. There he answered Christ's call after hearing the famous English evangelist, George Whitefield, preach on the text, "Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" (Zechariah 3:2). Such was Olivers' post-conversion zeal that he was ultimately persuaded by John Wesley to become one of his evangelists in the "Methodist Movement."

Olivers wrote "The God of Abraham Praise" after listening to the preaching of a Jewish rabbi at the Duke's Place Synagogue, Oldgate, London. During that same service, he also heard Meyer Lyon (Leoni), a well-known Jewish cantor, sing the Doxology of Yigdal (composed around 1400) from the Hebrew liturgy. The service and especially the music so impressed Olivers that soon he began writing this text to fit the meter of the tune he had heard. The tune, called "Leoni," was named in honor of Cantor Meyer Lyon.

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