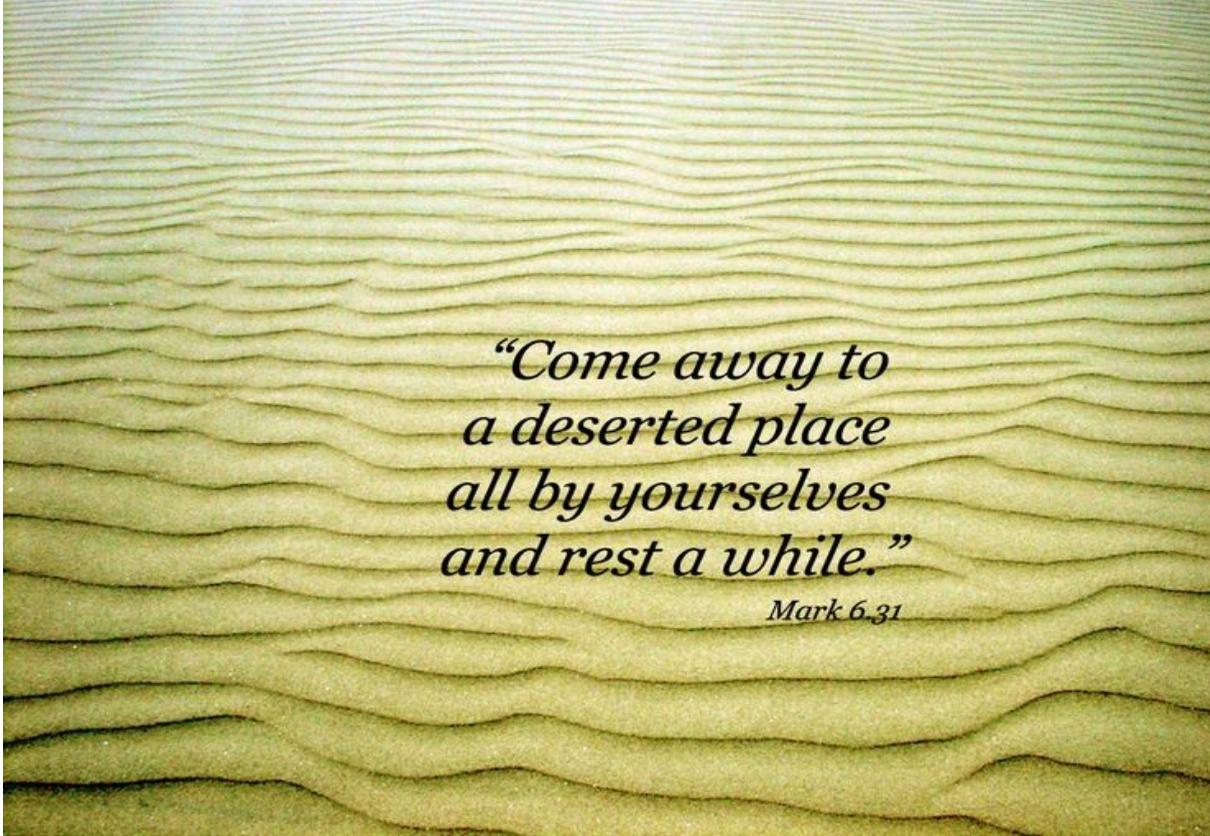


Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



*“Come away to
a deserted place
all by yourselves
and rest a while.”*

Mark 6.31

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OFFICERS INSTALLATION

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First Presbyterian Church
May 22, 2022 10:30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Presbyterian Women Officers Installation

Prelude: Cantilena

- Josef Rheinberger, 1839-1901

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Call to Worship

Christ says, come away to a deserted place
and rest a while.

God calls us to quiet and rest,
even as we continue to minister to those in need.

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

**Holy One, we want to be the sheep of your pasture.
Care for us, feed us, and lead us, we pray.**

**Once we are strengthened by your presence,
raise us up to be shepherds ourselves
who tend to those who are fearful and anxious
so that our lives may reflect our Good Shepherd,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God”

No. 555

*Invitation to Confession

Even our best intentions go awry
when we are not at one with God’s purpose.

Our gracious God journeys with us
and provides for us
with unending mercy, patience, and kindness
so that when we repent,
we find ourselves forgiven.

Trusting in Christ’s mercy and confident of our pardon,
let us confess our sins to Almighty God and to one another.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever.
We confess that we act as if we are in control,
as if you will bless whatever we do.
If we think of others at all,
it is with an eye
toward their usefulness to us.
If we consider your creation,
it is to ponder what benefits us.
We have failed to show your love
or to do justice in obedience to you.
Have mercy on us, God of grace.
Forgive our sins, we humbly pray.
Use us to break down walls of hostility
within the church,
among the nations,
and around the world.
Equip us to do your will,
giving you glory, honor, and praise
together with the Son and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.

***Kyrie Eleison** (*unison*)

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

Assurance of Pardon

Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace.
Our Master's touch heals us,
and his shed blood is our salvation.
Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri** (*unison*)

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

May the reading of your Word
draw near to you those of us once far off.
May the hearing of your Word
break down the dividing walls between us,
for Jesus Christ, your living Word, is our peace. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 67

P. 529 in the Old Testament

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

One: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Organ Anthem: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

-F. J. Hayden, arr. Janet Linker, 1938-

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 6:30-32

P. 41 in the New Testament

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Sermon: No Leisure Even to Eat

Rev. Jim DeMent

Mark 6:31: For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

Silence and stillness

***Congregational Hymn:** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

No. 326

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Service of Installation—Presbyterian Women

(See Insert)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: It Is Well with My Soul

- Philip P Bliss, 1838-1876

***Doxology** (*unison*)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

God of green pastures and still waters,
bless these gifts that we have been given
that they may become part of your banquet
for the world. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)**

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 at 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision"

No. 339

***Charge**

***Benediction**

Postlude: Prelude in G major

- J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son,
And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God,
Whom heaven and earth adore;
The God who was, and is,
And shall be evermore.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world in the next.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove;
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Nought be all else to me, save that thou art
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
 Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.



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Sunday, May, 29
 10:30 AM Worship Service

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Pastor’s Notes

Your pastor wonders who determined (and when) that resting was “a waste of time” and that doing nothing was “being lazy.” Of course, sloth is one of the seven deadly sins, but in our passage from Mark this morning, Jesus speaks of rest as a necessary element of recuperation for his busy disciples.

Ben Franklin reportedly said, “The one who can take rest is greater than the one who can take cities.” Athletes recognize that rest is essential for physical training; philosophers understand that rest is essential for mental development; religious leaders know that rest is essential for the soul; and even corporate leaders (the wise ones, anyway) are aware that rest is essential for productivity. Physicians, athletes, philosophers, poets, religious leaders, and corporate leaders all recognize the sacred advice that Jesus gave his disciples 2,000 years ago: take time to rest

Today, the Scripture reading and the liturgy chosen by the Presbyterian Women for this Installation Service are intended to remind their officers, themselves, and us of the need to “Come away ... and rest a while” (Mark 6:31). In today’s competitive, results-oriented world, how quickly we find that there are just too many things to get done, too many demands, too many responsibilities, too many bills, and too much urgency. But this is Satan’s trap! Listen to Jesus, listen to the Presbyterian Women: regain the practice of intentional, concentrated rest. Your heart, you mind, your body, not to mention your soul, will thank you!

Clergy, Music, and Administration

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