

Bulletin for Worship

June 13th, 2021

Call to Worship

Pete Wills

Let love be genuine. Come and share the love and grace of God.

We have been blessed and given this day to share God's love with one another.

Open your eyes and your hearts to God's Spirit.

We open our lives to God's Word for us.

Rejoice! For God is with us this day!

Thanks be to God for God's loving presence.

Hymn Glory to God Hymnal # 684 *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on,
keeping memory's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1995; © 1996 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved.

Used by Permission. First Presbyterian Church, FDL OneLicense.net License #A-740666

MUSIC (LUX PRIMA 7.7.7.7.7): Charles F. Gounod, 1872

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, You know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from You, sure that You can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that You are actively involved in our lives, not as a "puppet master" but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope

not only for each of us but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

Let go of your fears and doubts. God pours God's love on you, in you and through you to others. Be at peace.

The joy of Christ, the love of God, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is being poured upon us.

Jesus, our loving Savior has forgiven us and set us free.

We celebrate the gift of grace that has been given to all of the world. God's love is for all people.

The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "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.

Public Domain

Glory Be to the Father

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)

Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Message: "What Determines Success?"
Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn Glory to God Hymnal #36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt.; © 1970 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

MUSIC (AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.4): Welsh melody, c. 1784

All Rights Reserved. First Presbyterian Church, FDL OneLicense.net A-730666

Benediction