

First Presbyterian Church – Lake Charles

7th Sunday after Pentecost – July 19, 2020

Prelude

“Spirit of the Living God”

Torwalt

Welcome and Announcements

+ *God of Bethel* (alt. tune # 466)

269 (PH)

*“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.” (Genesis 28:17)*

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Psalm 139

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

Where can I go from your spirit? **Or where can I flee from your presence?**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me, and know my thoughts;

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

+ *You Called Me By Name*

Lyrics on screen

+ **Prayer of Adoration:** While we may worship as the ‘one’ body of Christ, we are yet all so different. Some of us are at the “top of our game,” while others just struggle to get through each day. Yet you draw us together where we will find friendship, peace, and hope... not only for our lives right now but for all the times to come. Stand us up again, O God. Dust us off and put us back on the pathways of service and reconciliation. Warm our hearts with your love; lift our spirits with your power; we ask these things in the Name of Jesus our Savior. AMEN.

Call to Confession and Prayer

Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God...US! Hear now our silent confession of that which inhibits our hearts, hands, and voices from expressing your love...

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, our Savior, brother, and friend, we are forgiven! Amen!

Prayer of Illumination (Unison): Holy One, you love with a father’s zeal, a mother’ tenderness. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, the burdens we carry, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love. For we long to join creation’s praise and to shine with the mercy of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Genesis 28:10-19a

Pew Bible, O.T., p. 25

Romans 8:14-19, 24-25

Pew Bible, N.T., p. 158

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Message

“A Place and a People”

Rev. Chan Willis

+ We Believe...

from *“The Confession of 1967”*

**“Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life
and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.**

**The church gathers to praise God, hear his word, to pray for and present the world to him;
to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world’s affairs.**

**The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private
or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship.**

Their witness and daily action is the church’s mission and evangelism.

**The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure
of the church’s fidelity. So, to live and to serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

+ *We Are the Body of Christ*

2227 (Sing the Faith)

Dedication of Our Offerings

“Sing of the Lord’s Goodness”

Sands

+ Doxology

592 (PH)

**Prayer of Dedication: Lord, we present these tokens of the many blessings you have poured
into our lives. Make us people who are unafraid to proclaim your healing mercies. Help these
gifts to bring hope and comfort to all those in need. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.**

Sharing of Prayer Concerns 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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”

+ *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

443 (PH)

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Postlude

"You Called Me By Name"

**(Verse 1) When I consider The work of Your fingers
The sun and stars The land and the sea
I start to wonder Almighty Creator
Just why You would ever Take thought of me. Yet You have...**

**(Chorus) Called me by name You are acquainted With all of my ways
Bought by Your blood, Drawn by Your love, I am Your dwelling place
For You have called me Your friend
Showing me favor Again and again
I'm set apart, Dear to Your heart, You called me by name**

**(Verse 2) All of creation Was made for Your pleasure
The sun and the stars The land and the sea
But by Your grace You have given me favor
With You I will reign For eternity. For You have...**