

First Presbyterian Church
5th Sunday after Pentecost – July 5, 2020

Prelude "Heal Our Land" Ligertwood

Welcome and Announcements

+ *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* # 564 (PH)
"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12, KJV)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Welcome this day to a time of rest.

We come, bearing burdens and cares.

Place your lives in the loving hands of God

May God heal our spirits and strengthen us.

Trust in God who is always with you

Lord, this day we come to you in faith and trust for your healing mercies.

+ *Ever Be* Lyrics on Screen

+ **Prayer of Adoration:** Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of all humankind. God, shed your grace. Mend our flaws. We cast all of our cares upon you. *Amen.*

Call to Confession and Prayer

Merciful and loving God, we are so grateful for your redeeming love for each one of us. Yet we confess that there have been times of doubt in our spirits. We confess that when the times of difficulties are upon us, we don't always believe that you will take our burdens. We feel we have to always be in control, trying to demand the desired outcome. Help us to place our trust in you. Remind us that you surround us continually with your care, you never just let us go to drift aimlessly about. Open our hearts and spirits again to your healing powers. With such openness and trust, we offer up our silent prayers of how we've drifted away from you...

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, who takes our burdens and give us peace, we are forgiven! Amen!

Prayer of Illumination: Comforting God, by your Holy Spirit bring comfort and encouragement to our souls through the reading of your Word, that we may be reminded how important it is to live in a loving, personal relationship with you. Amen.

Matthew 11:25-30

Pew Bible, N.T., p. 12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Come... Take... Learn”

Rev. Chan Willis

+ We Believe...

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Hymnal, p. 14

Dedication of Our Offerings

+ Doxology

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Prayer of Dedication: Compassionate God, we ask that you bless and multiply these gifts, that they may be used to proclaim the glory of your kingdom and, through us, make known to all people the power of your saving acts and unconditional love. Amen.

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

“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”

+ *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Glover/Bonar

I heard the voice of Jesus say Come unto Me and rest
Lay down thou weary one, Lay down thy head upon My chest
I came to Jesus as I was Weary and worn and sad
I found in Him a resting place And He has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say Behold I freely give
The living water thirsty one Stoop down and drink and live
I came to Jesus and I drank Of that life giving stream
My thirst was quenched my soul revived And now I live in Him

I heard the voice of Jesus say I am this dark world's light
Look unto Me thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright
I looked to Jesus and I found In Him my Star my Sun
And in that light of life I'll walk Till travelling days are done

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Postlude