THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



Sunday Celebration of Worship July 25, 2021 – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

The world says there is not enough; there is too much need.

Christ calls us into the ways of faith.

The world has too many problems; there is too much to be done.

Christ calls us into the ways of hope.

The world is too divided; there is too much war and violence.

Christ calls us into the ways of peace.

There is too much going on; it's easier to think just about ourselves.

Christ calls us into the ways of love.

Christ calls us to love others as we love ourselves.

In Christ's love, we know that faith surpasses all understanding.

We are not alone. Let us worship together in this journey of faith.

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

Deacon Barbara Small

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story because I know it's true. It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

REFRAIN: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat what seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. REFRAIN I love to tell the story for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song. ' Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. REFRAIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, You know our secret hearts. You are aware of our distortions, our jealousies, our lust. You observe our unfaithfulness, our treachery, our unwarranted fears. We are corrupted by greed, self-indulgence, and desire to be entertained. We do not take responsibility for our misconduct, our abuse of power, our lack of trust in You. We have little sense of vision to see beyond immediate circumstances or to embrace new possibilities. We miss the signs of Your grace and resist the empowerment of Your Spirit. Mighty God, still the storms within us with Your transforming peace and boundless forgiveness in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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 CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew. That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

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DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive the offerings we bring, O God. Make them holy for the purpose of extending Your gifts to all who are in need, and to all who would desire them, even as You sanctify our lives in the presence of Christ, who is in our midst today. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 4:42-44 John 6:1-14

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON	"Our Best, Enhanced by God"	Rev. Dr. Van Cleef
HYMN # 538	I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me	I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time. I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time. I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time. I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time. I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God, our Creator, we are family.* *Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: *To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

(*Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Craft Fair Date Has Been Set

Here's another "save the date" event: *Saturday, September 25*, for our Church Craft Fair.

Larry Foray is chairing this all-day event. It will look a bit different than Craft Fairs of the past – for one thing, it will be an all-outdoor affair. (Pandemic, you know.)

Please spread the word among craftspeople you know. Larry has applications for 10×10 foot spaces on the lawn.

Our church will have about 5 tables to sell things. If you are interested in staffing a church table, please see Larry.

Chinese Auction Baskets

Do you have new items that you're not going to use? (Gifts, impulse buys, etc.) If so, we can use them for our Chinese Auction at the Church Fair. Please bring them to church on any Sunday. Thank you!

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