

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
May 21, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, Open my lips

And my mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing.

And all the trees of the forest shall clap their hands.

Behold, our Sovereign Lord is coming to reign forever.

Alleluia!

HYMN # 404

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand. Lead me on, help me stand.

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near.

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, if we suffer, it is usually not because of our loyalty to Christ. When we are glad and shout for joy, it is seldom because we want to celebrate Your presence with us. We even forget to say thank-you when, by the power and strength You give us, we accomplish some cherished goal. Our lives are not focused on realizing Your rule of love on Earth, as in Heaven. O God, receive our confession and help us to discipline ourselves in caring discipleship, 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

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

...All this we pray in Jesus' name, saying, ***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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

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.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

Thank You, God, for empowering our prayers and multiplying our gifts. You provide for the needy through us. What a privilege! Widows and orphans and prisoners find hope in You because we join You in caring for them. You give hope to the desolate when we share. Your power is working in us. Blessed be Your name, O God. Amen,

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6-14

John 17:1-11

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Being "One"

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

*Guide me. O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrims through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven. Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to Thee.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right.
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light!
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword!
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
Has sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love!
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,
That all of the world's great peoples may come to the truth of God,
May come to the truth of God!
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Churchyard Clean-up

Our churchyard cleanup / flower planting event will take place today, if the weather cooperates. Thank you to everyone who plans to participate.

Becoming a Contagious Christian Class

Session 5 of *Becoming a Contagious Christian* will be held for Session members at a date to be announced.

Health Fair

Yesterday, we held a Health Fair in our CE Hall. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success. A special thanks goes to Bill Becker who conceived of the idea and worked very hard to make it a reality.

Looking Ahead:

We have some wonderful worship experiences coming up!

May 28: Pentecost and Memorial Day – a Blended Service.

June 11: Music Ministries Sunday

June 18: Father's Day. Bring a photo of Dad for the Communion Table!

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A New Refrigerator for our Church Kitchen

At their last meeting, Session approved a campaign to replace the commercial refrigerator in our kitchen. It was noisy, and used so much electricity that we couldn't keep it on all the time. When it was turned on, it took several hours to get the temperature down to 38 degrees.

This week, we got the news that the old refrigerator "bit the dust," so to speak.

We are looking at a stainless steel, energy efficient model, with French doors and a freezer underneath with an ice maker. The price is about \$1,600.

We are asking for contributions of any size, big or small, so we may buy a new refrigerator. ***An anonymous donor has offered to match the first \$800 that we raise!*** Anything that we raise above \$1,600 will go toward (1) the cost of a plumber to hook up the ice maker, and (2) fixing (or replacing) the small sink in the kitchen.

If you are interested in helping us purchase the new refrigerator, please fill out the form below. If you want to make your gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, we will print the list of names, put the list in a frame, and hang it in the kitchen. What a great way to remember Mom or Grandma!

Thank you very much.

Your name: _____

Amount of gift: _____

In Memory of: _____

- Or -

In Honor of: _____

