

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
May 7, 2023 – Mixing It Up!
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gaze into Heaven and see the glory of God.

Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress.

Christ leads us and guides us every day.

Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God.

You have known the presence of Christ, God's chosen one.

Every day we long for pure spiritual water.

Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.

Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet.

Let us enter the sanctuary that God prepares for us.

We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life.

We are here to ask, to receive, and to serve.

HYMN # 469

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken, like the first morning.

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sun lit from Heaven,

Like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

Born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's re-creation of the new day!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths we cry to You, O God. Hear our prayers, the confession of our neglect, the admission of our desire to rule in Your place. Like the house of Israel in Ezekiel's time, we are cut off from communion with You, just going through the motions of living. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start. We long to know You and to live in reverence before You. By Your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities and raise us up to serve You. We pray all this 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

...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

Lift us up, O God, from our own self-interest as we invest ourselves in sharing the Good News with the world. Increase our gifts of time and treasure, that all who are drained of hope might have their minds set on the Spirit. May the Spirit raise them to new life as we celebrate the resurrection that Jesus promised to Lazarus and to all who trust and follow where God leads. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Today's Scripture lessons will be within the context of the sermon.

SERMON

“This Is What I Believe”

Elder Marian Adams

COMMUNION HYMN # 329

BREAD OF LIFE

Break Thou the Bread of Life

*Break Thou the Bread of Life, Dear Lord, to me.
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!*

*Bless Thou the truth, Dear Lord, now unto me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

When we were barely looking, Lord God, You came upon us. In the mystery of our despair, You raised the touch of love. In the anguish of our uncertainty, You lifted the grace of Christ. In the hour of our dejection, You raised for us the cup of thanksgiving. In the torment of our fright, You held us in the risen arms of Christ. Holy God, we rejoice in you. As You raised our Lord Jesus, raise us in hope to love and to share. As the broken bread is given to feed our souls, raise us in life to join our hearts in tenderness and care. As the cup, refreshes our souls, raise us with Jesus to share together the feast of Your kingdom. Anoint us in Your Spirit that we might fully live, Your people and witnesses of resurrection; in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

HYMN # 151
DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the Heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of Love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,*

But downward bends his burning eye at mystery so bright.

*Crown Him the Lord of Peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown Him the Lord of Years, the Potentate of Time,
Creator of the Rolling Spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me.
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

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

Mixing It Up!

Today, we will mix things up in worship. Marian Adams will preach, Pastor Ann will play piano and organ, and others will lead various parts of the Service.

During Coffee Hour, if you are willing, please try to sit with someone with whom you don't normally sit. Who knows? You might make a new best friend!

Mother's Day

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, where we honor our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and other women who have been important in our lives.

Please bring in a photograph of your mother or any other important woman, framed, if possible, and place the photo on the Communion Table as you come in to worship. It's okay to bring in more than one photo.

We will celebrate those important women together!

Churchyard Clean-up

Our churchyard cleanup / flower planting event will take place on Sunday, May 21. Please bring rakes, shovels, and anything else you think we may need, and wear your grubbies to church!

Becoming a Contagious Christian Class

Session 4 of *Becoming a Contagious Christian* will be held for Session members after Coffee Hour today.

This 6-session class will be offered to the congregation in the fall. Bill Becker is the instructor. Thank you, Bill!

Women's Choir

Our Women's Choir is preparing for Music Ministries Sunday on June 11. We rehearse every Sunday in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. New members are always welcome. The ability to read music, although helpful, is not necessary, but the ability to carry pitch is essential.

Mark Your Calendar

On Saturday, May 20, we will be holding a Health Fair in our CE Hall. We have twelve health-related participants signed up. Please see Bill Becker if you have ideas or suggestions. Stay tuned – there's more information to come.

Looking Ahead:

We have some wonderful worship experiences coming up!

May 14: Mother's Day. Bring a photo of Mom for the Communion Table!

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: _____