

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Service of Worship  
October 1, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL  
Cleef

Dan Charnews / Bob Van

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made. Let us be joyful!

***On this day, a special day, we are reminded of the expanse and diversity of God's Creation.***

On this World Communion Sunday, we are reminded that just as we gather to hear the Word and share the Table, Christians in every part of the world will do the same.

***Now it is our time to join with our sisters and brothers everywhere.***

***We come with thanksgiving for the privilege of being part of Christ's witness in all times and places.***

It matters not whether we worship in homes, large cathedrals, or small churches; on hilltops or in fields; God is with communities of faith here and in every place, neighbors near and far.

***We gather on this day, grateful that Christians witness not only here, but in all places and circumstances. We worship with joy and excitement!***

HYMN # 439

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER

*In Christ there is no east or west. In him no south or north.  
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find  
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ, now meet both east and west. In him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Sovereign God, we give You thanks for this special day of oneness with the human family, but then we return to praising ourselves and focusing on our own worries. We ignore those things we can learn from others who are different, and we forget Your call to live in solidarity. We run from Your invitation to live as one with all people. Strengthen us so that we may not be led astray by temptations we encounter. Save us from our isolation; have us look beyond our own front doors. This is the prayer we lift up in the name of Christ our Redeemer. 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

..... All this we pray in Jesus' name saying, *Our Father who are 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.*

### OFFERING SENTENCES

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

*God of All People, we come to bring our tithes and offerings before You. We give them not looking out for our own interests, rather we give them with the prayer that these gifts will truly bless others. Multiply and use them that all Your*

*children may know the confidence and peace that comes through Your abiding love. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17:1-7  
Matthew 21:23-32

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“This Rock!”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN # 386 *O For a World*

AZMON

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong. Who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Lord God, it's World Communion Sunday, the day when Christians gather around the Table. It's both an ordinary day and a special day, as it speaks to our plea for Christian unity. Thank you for the reassurance in knowing that for all of our divisions in doctrine, interpretation, and practice, today we are one body around one Table. Yet, there is sadness in knowing how much work is still to be done. Thank You for reminding us that throughout the world, wherever Christians are gathered, Christ is celebrated and glorified. Amen.*

HYMN (Tune # 447) *On World Communion Sunday*

LANCASHIRE

*On World Communion Sunday, all hearts are joined as one.  
We gather 'round Christ's table, and pray God's will be done.  
A loaf of bread to feed us. A cup to quench our thirst.  
God's Realm is sweet reversal; the last are welcomed first.*

*Extravagantly lavish, God's grace has been conceived.  
Each person is a treasure, a lost gold coin retrieved.  
The stranger is our neighbor; the weak one is made strong.  
Don't hinder them; give welcome! Make clear that all belong!*

*"Do justice and love kindness, walk humbly." This we heed,  
By standing with our neighbors, responding to their needs.  
May we, who tend the vineyard, may we, who plant the seeds,  
Unite with sisters, brothers, to give, to heal, to feed.*

## 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.*

## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE**

### **Church Fair**

Thank you to everyone who worked at / contributed to / supported our Church Fair. Once the "bean counters" are finished with their work, we'll let you know how we did.

### **Blessing of the Pets**

Our annual Blessing of the Pets Service will take place on Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m. Be sure to tell your friends!

### **The Little Food Pantry**

We are in need of canned tuna and chicken, cereal, pasta and spaghetti, Chef Boy-R-Dee ravioli, canned fruit: peaches, pears, plums, mandarin oranges, mixed, (no applesauce), rice, and peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for your generosity.

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