

Sunday Worship- July 12, 2020



Summer of Love: With God's Help

First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, Iowa

*"Striving to live as Jesus lived –
confronting injustice with love, compassion, service."*

Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the Lord's day.

P: Every day belongs to the Eternal God.

L: This is the moment of worship

P: In every place we can worship the ever-present God.

L: We are God's people.

P: Together or apart, we are the people of God, disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

L: Let us worship God!

All: Let us worship together, witness together, work together, and walk together in Christ's Kingdom!

HYMN #401 Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

*1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our
dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*2. We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your
daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

L: Let us pray together:

Merciful God,

for the things we have done that we regret,

for the things we have failed to do that we regret,

All: forgive us;

L: for all the times we have acted without love,

for all the times we have reacted without thought,

All: forgive us;

L: for all the times we have withdrawn care,

for all the times we have failed to forgive,

All: forgive us.

L: For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,

for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,

All: God of all time,

forgive us and help us

to lay down our burden of regret.

~Worship Sourcebook, 2nd edition

Time of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Amen.

Poured into our hearts, God's love gives us new life and hope.

Touched by the fingers of God, we are restored to new life.

P: This is good news!

God loves us, God forgives us, God calls us to service!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE #48 Rain Down

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Rain down your love on your people.

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Rain down your love God of life.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Friends, everything we are and will become
has been love from the beginning.

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE

L: In the beginning was the Word.

P: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Mark 10: 17-27 (Common English Bible) – A Rich Man’s Question

Reader 1: As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to obtain eternal life?”

Jesus replied, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except the one God. You know the commandments: *Don’t commit murder. Don’t commit adultery. Don’t steal. Don’t give false testimony. Don’t cheat. Honor your father and mother.*”

Reader 2: “Teacher,” he responded, “I’ve kept all of these things since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He said, “You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me.” But the man was dismayed at this statement and went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Reader 1: Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, “It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God’s kingdom!” His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them again, “Children, it’s difficult to enter God’s kingdom! It’s easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God’s kingdom.”

Reader 2: They were shocked even more and said to each other, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.”

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

P: Thanks be to God.

DISCOVERY TIME

REFLECTION Learning to Love Like God: With God’s Help

HYMN #721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

<i>1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones You only asked me to follow humbly</i>	<i>You will find there, my nets and labor. REFRAIN</i>
<i>REFRAIN: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me And while smiling have spoken my name Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me By Your side I will seek other seas</i>	<i>3. You need my hands full of caring Through my labors to give others rest And constant love that keeps on loving. REFRAIN</i>
<i>2. You know so well my possessions My boat carries no gold and no weapons</i>	<i>4. You, who have fished other oceans Ever longed for by souls who are waiting My loving friend, as thus You call me. REFRAIN</i>

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

L: The willingness to give is a sign of life.

The fruit tree gives of its fruit,
and we know it is alive.

When it no longer gives,
we know real life has gone out of it.

The heart that hoards the blessings of God
is no longer alive with spiritual power.

To give is to live.

Believing this, let us give with joy and gratitude!

OFFERTORY DANCE PARTY!!!!

SONG OF RESPONSE #70 What Does the Lord Require of You?

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: Let us pray our thanks together.

**All: God of extravagant mercy,
with hands outstretched you have poured out
wonder and pleasure and delight,
goodness and beauty and bounty.**

**So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest against all
that is evil and ugly and impoverished,
trivial and wretched and tyrannical,
in our world and in ourselves—**

And thus may we and others know ourselves to be blessed. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #541 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*1. God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.*

*2. God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

*3. God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing round you.
God be with you till we meet again.*

*4. God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you;
Smite death's threat'ning wave before you.
God be with you till we meet again.*

JULY BIRTHDAY BLESSING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE