First Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday after Pentecost – Video Service
June 21, 2020 - Father’s Day

Writing in bold is for the congregational response

Gathering Around the Word

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 86)
Leader: You are our God. Be gracious to us, for to you do we cry all day long.
People: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.
Leader: You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
People: Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers. Listen to our cries of supplication.
Leader: We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, with our whole hearts.
People: We will glorify your name forever.

HYMN: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
(Refrain)
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart….. (Refrain)
3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart…..(Refrain)
4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart...(Refrain)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION
Sometimes we feel separated from the world and even from those closest to us. Sometimes we feel separated from God. Yet God is there, waiting patiently for us. Let’s come to God in prayer.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS
God, we are your children. We would like to honor you by the way we live our lives. But sometimes we fall short. Sometimes very short. And when we fall short, we know it. We may get defensive. We may retreat into ourselves. But there is no getting away from you. You wait for us to sort it out. To say, “I have messed up. I am sorry.” And you welcome us home with open arms, because you love us, even at those times when we don’t love ourselves. Thank you, Lord.

Silent Prayer
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Psalm 103)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who revere him. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As we come to the Passing of the Peace, for one last time by way of these video services, I want to remind you that the Peace we offer to one another, whether it be in person or “virtually” as we do in these services, is not just a “Hi” or “How are you” or a “Have a nice day” expression, and it is not just ANY peace – but the peace of Christ! That is a lasting peace, the peace that we can’t always understand, the peace that unburdens the soul and allows us to rest in God’s abundant, unending love!

Let us Pass the Peace!

All: The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 21:8-21

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-32

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Welcome Home” Rev. Kathleen Crighton

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us continue in worship as we affirm what we believe, using the Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith). If you have a copy, please read with me or if you don’t, please listen with Faith in your heart, as it is read.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

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In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Sharing the Word with the World

TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Loving, generous God, we have come to say “Thank you”. You have given us so much in the gift of your son, and we continue to express our thanks with our economic resources – our money. Let everything we do in worship, with our songs and prayers and words spoken help us show the gratitude we feel in our hearts for all you have done for us. Bless the offerings that we give; help them be used to spread the good news of your son, Jesus Christ, in whose blessed name we pray. Amen.
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OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Let us conclude this time with the prayer, taught to us by your Son, 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.

CLOSING HYMN “Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

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