

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 October 2020

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Silent Reflection - “It is a key insight of Freud that until there is an embrace of honest helplessness, there is no true gospel or good news that can be heard. Persons and communities are not fully present in a situation of disorientation until it has been brought to speech.”

-Walter Brueggemann, *The Psalms and the Life of Faith* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1995), 21.

Words of Welcome - Welcome, dear friends. Because nothing can “separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39), we have gathered to respond in worship and praise. Please fill out the attendance card in your bulletin and drop them in the offering plates at the end of the service. Thank you!

WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

Prelude: (10:00) *Psalm 100 (Make a Joyful Noise)* Judy Hunnicutt (United States, b. 1939)

The Call to Worship: (from Psalm 86)

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In the day of trouble I call on you, for you have promised to answer me.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

Opening Hymn: (sung by the cantor) My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Resignation*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, our God, forgive the sins we commit which cause harm to our neighbors. Temper your vengeance when we claim not to know you. Ease your wrath when we fail to obey the gospel Christ taught. Let the glory of your might undergird our endeavors, as through Christ you deliver us from our weakness and shame. Have mercy upon us, O God, and fill us with your splendor. We lift our prayers in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GOD’S WORD IS SPOKEN TO US

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 88:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible p. 670

Message for Young Disciples

(Please have children remain in their seats.)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8

Pew Bible p. 99

Sermon:

COVID-19: NAME THE PROBLEM!

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Jensen

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Handbell Interlude (10:00) *Blessed Assurance*

arr. Barbara Kinyon (United States, b. 1929)

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these joys to you,"
the congregation responds, "**Thanks be to God.**"

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these concerns to you,"
the congregation responds, "**Lord hear our prayer.**"

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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*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.*

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn of Commitment: (sung by cantor)

I Love To Tell the Story

Hankey

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: (10:00) *Postlude en Forme de Marche*

Alexandre Guilmant (France, 1837-1911)

The Service is Ended, Go in Peace.