



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 20, 2021

11:00am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Murmuring Brook
Jenna Poppe, piano

Cornelius Gurlitt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8, selected verses

Richard Johnson, liturgist

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*HYMN #370

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We strive to be strong and self-sufficient, wanting to be in control of our lives. But the truth is that we are in constant need of God's grace and guidance. In faith, let us confess our weaknesses, our failures, our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our pride. We imagine we can live without you, when it is you who gives us our very breath. We seek control in our own lives and over the lives of other people rather than invest in our relationship with you and strive to live in community. We allow fear to overtake us, even though you promise to journey with us. Our vision of what is possible through you is limited. At times we prefer to interact with those who are just like us rather than extend hospitality to those who are different or those who are strangers to us. Draw us back into your steadfast love and give us a vision of who you have created us to be. Broaden our understanding of strength in diversity and growth through community. May Jesus Christ be for us our model and our guide. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

We are ambassadors for Christ, for God has reconciled us through him! (2 Corinthians 5: 17-20)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hornpipe
Jenna Poppe, piano

Henry Purcell

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18: 1-15

SERMON

"Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?" Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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. 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.

SOLO

How Deep the Father's Love
Peggy Vaughan, soprano

Stuart Townend

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR 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.

We Go Forth As God's People

***HYMN #331**

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast. Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day. Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May the Love of the Lord

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**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

POSTLUDE

King William's March
Jenna Poppe, piano

Jeremiah Clark

***You are invited to stand.**

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Richard Johnson, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director & Soloist Jenna Poppe, piano Ron Skinner, audio & video
Ushers: Jim Bryant, Kelly McLean Joanne Lang, Worship Ministry Team Chair

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