

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From the PC(USA) 2020 Vision Team Guiding Statement*

We believe God calls the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be *alive*.

We are people of the resurrection: though death surrounds us, we are not afraid because we follow the One who was raised from the tomb.

The Holy Spirit gives us courage to trust each other and build a community that reflects the fullness of God's image in humanity: beautifully diverse in age, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexuality, physical and mental ability, geography, theological conviction, and viewpoints.

In the sure and certain hope of resurrection, we joyfully testify that the Church and its members are called to follow Christ's model by risking all, even life itself, for the sake of the Gospel.

And so, God calls the Presbyterian Church to be: Prayerful, Courageous, United, Serving, Alive. Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

*"...let us pray to the Lord: **Let Your Kingdom come..**"*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

It Is a Good Thing to Give Thanks

Eugene Butler

*PRAISE HYMN 712 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" FOREST GREEN

(verse 1) **As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield, so we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land: of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 540

"Farewell, Good Friends!"

SHALOM, CHAVERIM

Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends!

Shalom, shalom! Till we meet again,

till we meet again, shalom, shalom.

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

arr., Stephen Walley

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PIANIST: Betsy Burmeister

ADULT CHOIR under the direction of Betsy Burmeister

* denotes standing as able.

LITURGIST: Pam Knox



November 20, 2022

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: White

11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come/O Worship the King* arr., P Choplin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY *We Gather Together* arr., P Choplin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has looked favorably on all of God's people
and has redeemed all of creation.

**God has given us a mighty Savior,
the Lord whose reign we celebrate.**

We gather to offer our thanks and praise to almighty God.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 192 "Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining" SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies
and slow to name the ways we hurt others.**

You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and yet we prefer our own path.

**We are called to follow your lead in creating a beloved community,
yet we idolize wealth and power. Heal us and help us, O God.**

Turn us from the ways of sin, the means that create unjust ends.

**Grant that we may seek to be for others what you are for us:
a source of light on the way to peace. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE HYMN 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

(VERSE 1) **Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!**

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING Psalm 46

GOSPEL READING Luke 23: 33-43

PROCLAMATION Dana Waters

*HYMN 363 "Rejoice, The Lord Is King!" DARWALL'S 148th