

# Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Service – Online Faith Presbyterian Church

For Everything There is a Season 3

**PRELUDE** "When There's Love at Home" Wilson Sharon Keene, piano

INTROIT "Bind Us Together" Gillman Richard & Heather Carter

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O God, you summon the day to dawn,

you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

One: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,

the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

One: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,

the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

One: Your love and mercy shall last forever,

fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All: Great is your name, great is your love.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

"Amazing Grace" #649 vs. 1, 2, 3

1Amazing 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.

2'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** (in unison)

O God of life, eternity cannot hold you, nor can our little words catch the magnificence of your kindness. Yet in the space of our small hearts and in silence you can come close and repair us.

Grant us forgiveness for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech and the words with which we wounded. Grant us forgiveness for our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness and for all we left untended. In you we place our hope, our great hope our living hope, this day and forevermore. Amen

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME Helping Us Become Better Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC "These Hands" Noack Fred Whitley, George Wheat

SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 3: 1, 5-6 (New Revised Standard Version)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Time to Embrace, and a Time to Refrain From"

Part 3, For Everything There is a Season

**RESPONSE** From A Brief statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church, USA

In life and in 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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the chin

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! Amen

#### **BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

### **DOXOLOGY (Traditional)** #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed by 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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" #307

- 1.God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power; crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- 2.Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
- 3.Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
  Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4.Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
  Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

#### **BENEDICTION**

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE "May the God of Hope Go with Us" #765

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace;
Singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

POSTLUDE "Psalm of Glory" Smith Sharon Keene, organ

Today's liturgy is from A Wee Worship Book, Fourth Incarnation, Wild Goose Publications, 1999, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Common Worship, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018.

#### **PARTICIPANTS:**

Rev. Renée Rico- Pastor
Ann Lorris- Worship Leader
Elders Heather & Richard Carter- Introit Music and Children's Time
Elders George Wheat & Fred Whitley- Special Music
Sharon Keene & Janis Wheat- Musicians
Elder Paul Hay- Video/Tech
Elder Judy Mayhew- Photos
Deacon Cindy Hay- Publication

## **ZOOM COFFEE HOUR** Happens now at 11:15 a.m.

Sign into ZOOM, and we'll place you in a small group to have conversation with Faith folks. Each group will have a host, and we are so glad to offer this time for catching up and conversation.

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