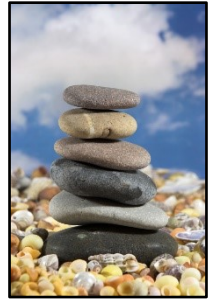




Sunday, August 30th, 2020 Service – Online
Faith Presbyterian Church

For Everything There is a Season 5



PRELUDE *“I Will Serve Thee”* Gaither

INTROIT *“I Believe in a Mighty God”* Richard and Heather Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: In the gathering of school supplies,
In the harvesting of backyard gardens:

All: God blesses us beyond imagination.

One: In the simple acts of daily chores,
in the kindness shared by a stranger:

All: God is gracious to us.

One: In the rapture of a child watching a firefly,
in the inquisitive look of a senior
wondering where they left their keys:

**All: God's face shines upon us.
We praise you, O God!**

OPENING HYMN *“Morning Has Broken”* #664

**1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.**

**3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with the elation;
praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

In every opportunity, God of this day,
we are able to choose not to follow you.
From our hearts to our mouths flow words that hurt others,
come thoughts that lead us away from you.
We are richly blessed,
but think others should be grateful for the crumbs we offer to them.
Our claims to have great faith
are disputed by our inability to trust you in all things.
We come to you, Helper of the weak, for you are gracious and forgiving. You offer us
the fullness of your love, not just a few dollops. You refuse to let us go, but sweep us
up with arms of joy. You send Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to lead us into your
kingdom.

Time of Silent Prayer

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 “Trust” Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC “Lean on Me” Richard and Heather Carter

SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 9: 1-10 NRSV

9 All this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God; whether it is love or hate one does not know. Everything that confronts them ² is vanity,^[a] since the same fate comes to all, to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil,^[b] to the clean and the unclean, to those who sacrifice and those who do not sacrifice. As are the good, so are the sinners; those who swear are like those who shun an oath. ³ This is an evil in all that happens under the sun, that the same fate comes to everyone. Moreover, the hearts of all are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. ⁴ But whoever is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. ⁵ The living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; they have no more reward, and even the memory of them is lost. ⁶ Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished; never again will they have any share in all that happens under the sun.

⁷ Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long ago approved what you do. ⁸ Let your garments always be white; do not let oil be lacking on your head. ⁹ Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. ¹⁰ Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might; for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

“Living in Finite Time”
Part 5, 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, 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.

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 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" #291

Refrain: *Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."*

Refrain:

*You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*

Refrain:

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.*

Refrain:

*You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.*

Refrain:

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

“Great is the Lord” Smith

PARTICIPANTS:

Rev. Renée Rico - Pastor

Elder Dave Rockwell - Worship Leader

Elders Heather & Richard Carter - Introit, Special Music and Children's Time

Sharon Keene & Janis Wheat - Musicians

Elder Paul Hay - Video/Tech

Elder Judy Mayhew - Photos

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

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