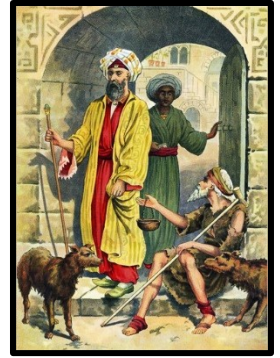




Sunday, October 11th, 2020 Service – Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
On Earth as in Heaven: God's Call for Justice



PRELUDE *“Chorale Prelude in F Major”* - Kauffman

INTROIT *“He is Exalted”* - Heather and Richard Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *adapted from Psalm 146*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in worldly rulers,

For they are temporary, their plans will fall apart.

Happy are those whose help and hope is in God,

For God made heaven and earth, and all living things.

God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry,

God sets the prisoners free, and opens the eyes of all.

God watches over those on the margins, the strangers, the widows and orphans;

And God will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN *“Gather Us In” #401*

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;

See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;

Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;

Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.

Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;

Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:

Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;

Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have sided with the rulers, with those in power, those who have wealth, those who have sway over the people. We confess that our ways are not Your ways. We followed false shepherds, leaders who promise the easy way, instead of seeking You. Forgive us. Call us into Your ways of love, justice, and mercy, even when it is difficult. Call us to bring in those from the margins. Remind us that our own redemption is bound in the liberation of others. It is in Christ' name that we pray, for Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Repent simply means to turn back. Since Christ has promised to be with us always, Christ is always there, ready to receive us. Repent, and know Christ is with you. Know the forgiveness of Christ, the assurance of God's love, and follow the Spirit into the world for the work of God's love. **Amen.**

CHILDRENS TIME - The Carters

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Till the Storm Passes By"* George Van Otten, Soloist

SCRIPTURE – THE PROPHETS Amos 6:1, 4-7

1 Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
the notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!
4 Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
6 who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
7 Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

SCRIPTURE - GOSPEL Luke 16:19-29

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.'

²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Whose Resources?”

Part 1, On Earth as in Heaven: God’s call for Justice

RESPONSE

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

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 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.

DOXOLOGY

**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 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

CLOSING HYMN “O For a World” #372

***O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.***

***O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.***

***We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.***

***The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.***

***O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.***

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "In The Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful" #654 (sing twice)

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.***

POSTLUDE

Liturgy created/adapted by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org.

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Elder Fred Whitley – Worship Leader

Elders Heather & Richard Carter – Introit and Children's Time

Sharon Keene & Janis Wheat – Musicians

Elder George Van Otten - Soloist

Elder Paul Hay – Video/Tech

Elder Judy Mayhew – Photos

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

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Holy One, in your love and mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Spark of Life,
creation was envisioned by you and is sustained by you;
in gratitude we pray for the world:
that its riches and resources be used responsibly and fairly;
that its rulers and leaders may govern with justice, compassion and humility;
that humankind may live with understanding and respect,
noticing what unites us;
In your love and mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Prophet of Love,
you lived among us to teach us – to show us – how to love;
in humility we pray for siblings around the globe:
for those dehumanized by their struggle for existence, may we listen;
for those overshadowed by the constancy of death, may we notice;
for those besieged by fear, anger and relentless peril, may we show up;
for those ensnared by systems beyond their control, may we demand change.
In your love and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Breath of Being,
you are here – in this very moment – as constant presence and insistent voice;
in gratitude we pray...with boldness we pray:
inundate the world with humanity,
overwhelm the world with truth,
flood the world with kindness,
upset our indifference,
accelerate our action,
fortify our resolve,
compel us to authentic discipleship
that nurtures creation, embodies love and breathes life.
In your love and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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