

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*We Gather in God's Name . . .*

## PRELUDE

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*(for silent prayer during the prelude)*

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.<sup>1</sup> **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 105)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

One: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

One: Remember the wonderful works he has done,

All: **his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered. Let us worship God.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #379

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is

sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION (FROM ROMANS 10)

Moses wrote concerning the righteousness that comes from the law that the person who does these things will live by them. Humanity has demonstrated, though, that no one can fully live by the law and gain righteousness through the law. In humbleness and in faith, let us confess our sins to God.

### \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

**Lord Jesus, we know that true righteousness can only be gained through faith, but our faith can so often be feeble. Even at our best, you may say "come," and we may venture out, but as Peter noticed the strong winds, we can also notice challenge and falter. Forgive our lack of faith, and build faith within us. Enable us to place our primary trust in you alone. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (FROM ROMANS 10)

Hear the good news! The scriptures testify that if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved. Trust in Jesus Christ, and be at peace knowing you have been forgiven through that same Jesus. Amen.

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*. . . to Proclaim God's Word*

### FIRST READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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### EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:5-15

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### \*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

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### SERMON

"Beautiful Feet"

Rev. Andy Smothers

### 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.

### \*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism* (Questions 24-25)

One: How are these articles divided?

Many: **Into three parts: God the Father and our creation; God the Son and our deliverance; and God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.**

One: Since there is only one divine being, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Many: **Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.**

*. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (IN UNISON)

**Gracious God, initially you established your covenant promise with and through the Israelites, but in Jesus, you extended your promise directly to people of all nations. Despite that our faith falters, you remain faithful. Despite that we cannot keep the law in its fullness, you still offer us eternal life. With thankfulness that you have chosen us and offered us abundant and eternal life, we offer these gifts from our labors. Invest them wisely for your purposes. In the name of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. Amen.**

*. . . and to Be Sent in God's Name.*

CLOSING HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation" #361

(vv. 1-4)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not over flow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

<sup>i</sup> Book of Common Worship, 367.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome* to worship this morning! As we continue to social distance, we will not be offering child care for a time. Feel free to keep your children in worship — even if they're a bit noisy. You're also welcome to take them into the coatroom. Weather permitting, we do hope to have coffee hour outside this morning.

**Our thanks** go to our lay reader Karen Burditt, and organist Ernestine Olson.

Please consider signing up to provide refreshments for our outdoor coffee hour this summer. A signup sheet will be on the table near the food after worship.

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on next **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**Presbyterian Women Fall Retreat** at Glacier Camp on Flathead Lake that was to be held the weekend of August 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Plans are already in the works for the 2021 Summer Retreat.

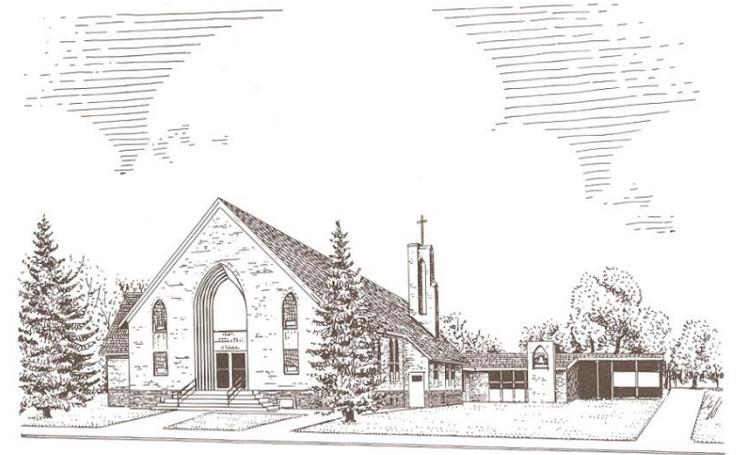
**The Second Presbyterian Ice Cream Social** will be held on **Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM**. In keeping with social distancing we will meet outside by the bell. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite ice cream topping. Come wearing a mask. Women, men and children are all welcome to come for fun and fellowship.

**Pastor Andy** will be away on vacation August 17<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>. While he is away, please come and support our guest preachers. Gary Klette will speak on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Karen Burditt will speak on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday Evening Prayer will continue in Pastor Andy's absence in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30pm.

**Summer Office Hours** are Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Last week, combined giving was **\$3,192.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,588.00** per week.

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