

First Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
June 21, 2020 ~ 9:30 am

Asterisks (*) in the worship order are invitations to stand, if able.

***Regulars and visitors alike, thank you for being here and bringing your worship to share with us. To enhance everyone's worship experience, please silence your cell phones. Thanks for helping.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning, and welcome to Worship today. It is good to be back in the sanctuary; and those of you watching on Zoom, we will miss you, but we want you to stay safe and be well. We want everyone here in the Sanctuary to be safe and well also.

Last Thursday the area pastors had a Zoom conference meeting to check in and see where everyone is. We decided to have an Ecumenical Worship/Informational ZOOM service Sunday, June 28, at 7:00 PM. I will see that you get the information as soon as I receive it.

Session will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

I don't know of any other announcements today; our service will be similar to the last few weeks with the exception that we will not be singing. That gives me more time to preach (ha ha).

TIME OF CENTERING

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship today, I invite you to get comfortable, take a deep breath in, and slowly let it out. As you breathe in ask God to fill you with God's peace, and as you let it out, let go of your anxieties and fears. Breath in God's Peace, Breath out your anxiety and fears. We won't sing our gathering chorus
(Worship Leader will end the silence with an Amen.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For God alone my soul awaits in silence, for my hope comes from God.

All: Only God is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be shaken or afraid.

One: Trust in the Lord at all times O People; pour out your heart before God.

All: Our trust is in God. We come together today to worship together in God's Name

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

One: For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that whoever would believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You are a God of compassion and mercy, hear us as we confess our failings before you. Your Son Preached repentance, But we tend to hesitate. The coming of your kingdom is proclaimed, yet we get stuck in our past. We do not turn around from those things that hold us back; we fail to reach out to you. We do not turn from the evil things we do, nor do we let go of those treasures through which we gain status in this life. While we say we obey you, our deeds betray us...So, now Lord, by your grace, touch us, renew us, and cleanse us from the power of sin. AMEN

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, Hear the Good News: "The time has come and the Kingdom of God is near; Repent and believe in the Good News. God is merciful and just, and through Christ promises redemption to all who believe. As we turn from our old ways and respond in faith to Christ's call, we receive the assurance that we shall be saved through HIM. Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! AMEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalms 24 Entrance into the Temple of David. A Psalm.

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus¹ saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON:

“Another Look at Meekness”

Rev. Ken Ribe

***CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

***COMMISSION**

One: Our worship in the sanctuary has ended

All: **Our service in the world begins.**

POSTLUDE