

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 19, 2020

PRELUDE/MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION Cheryl Mayhew, organist
"How Firm A Foundation" Robert J. Hughes

GREETING Pastor Eric Gale

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Lay Leader: Pastor Eric Gale

L: We are still isolated, still feeling like we have been left alone in a shadowed place.

P: But this is the day the Lord has made!

L: We are keeping a safe distance from others, we are quarantining ourselves, we are not gathering as God's people,

P: But this is the day the Lord has made!

L: This is a time of uncertainty and fear, we wonder what today will bring, we worry about the coming tomorrow.

P: Yet resurrection wonder outshines isolation, uncertainty, and fear.

All: But this is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!

OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration!

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings
Yea, so gladly sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been Granted in what He ordaineth?*

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him! Let the 'amen' Sound from His people again, Gladly for ever adore Him!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Unable to gather together, still on this day, as we walk through the shadows of our lives, we come to you, O God! We stand before the open door of hope, wondering if we dare enter. We would rather return to the comfort of our familiar ways rather than trusting in you. Yet you come, as persistent as Mary at the tomb, to open the gates of hope, to open the gates of grace, to open the gates of resurrection, so we might know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsive)

L: This is the day of resurrection and new life. This is the day God offers us steadfast hope and love which will never end.

All: We are always Easter people! We will rejoice and give thanks to the God who saves us. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Amazing Grace" Chancel Choir

CHILDRENS MESSAGE "Generosity" Trish Moore

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "There is a Redeemer" Cynthia Fremling

MESSAGE "The Lord Needs It" Pastor David Layman
Mark 11:1-10

CLOSING HYMN "O to Be like Thee!"

O to be like Thee! blessed Redeemer, This is my constant longing and prayer. Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures, Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.

[Refrain]

O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee! Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art! Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness; Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

O to be like Thee! full of compassion, Loving, forgiving, tender and kind; Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting, Seeking the wand'ring sinners to find. [Refrain]

O to be like Thee! While I am pleading, Pour out Thy Spirit, fill with Thy love. Make me a temple meet for Thy dwelling; Fit me for a life wand heaven above. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Grand Chorus on a Welsh Tune" L.N. Porter

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

The Family of Jennifer Shock, on the passing of her grandmother **Ruth Clark**; as well as ongoing health concerns for her mother, **Brenda Kelly**. and sister **Courtney Nisbeth**.

Linda Green, Ann Green's sister-in-law, and her husband Nick , Wes' brother, recovering from Covid-19. Linda is in ICU and on a feeding tube, ventilator was successfully removed.

Curtis Bittle, recuperating from eye surgery.

Roger Paulson, friend of the Gale Family, had a brain tumor removed.

Thankfully, it was benign.

Medical Professionals, who are exposing themselves to take care of those in need.

Those who are feeling isolated, due to Social Distancing restrictions.

SCRIPTURE**Mark 11:1-10**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”