

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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*Please rise as you are able
Please join in speaking/singing **bolded** text

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

***Opening Words**

Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones
God hears us in our fear and our sorrow
Where there was no way
God leads us in a new way
Where there was no mercy
God surprises us with fresh mercy
Where there was weeping
God invites us to step into a new dance.

***Opening Hymn #157 (GG)**

“I Danced in the Morning”

Words by Sydney Carter, Music American Shaker melody adapted by Sydney Carter

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I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

(Refrain)

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you al, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fisherman, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on.

(Refrain)

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you al, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And left me there on a cross to die.

(Refrain)

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you al, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

(Refrain)

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you al, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

(Refrain)

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you al, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we come to you, seeking to
rise up from the depths and agony of despair.
Please listen, our Saving God—
we need your help and blessing.

Lord, through the tenderness
of your mercy towards us
we have learned to worship you—
and to revere your Holy Name;
therefore, we place our entire trust
and hope in you, our Trustworthy God.

We gather to offer you our thanks,
for we know that you offer us
your unfailing love and mercy
that is beyond our understanding.
You know our longing for forgiveness,
and you offer us your presence - which
blesses us from God's overflowing store
of mercy, hope, freedom and joy. Amen.

Hymn #442 (GG)

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

Words by Charlotte Elliott, Music by William Batchelder Bradbury
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Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood shed for me,
And that thou biddest me come thee,
Oh Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
Oh Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
Oh Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
Oh Lamb of God, I come; I come!

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Children's Message

Prayer Response #701 (GG)

"Sanctuary"

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.
(repeat)

Scripture Lesson

Mark 5:21-43

Message

"TBD"

Rev. Leanne B. Thompson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Affirmation #643 (GG)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Words by Martin Rinkart (translated by Catherine Winkworth)
Music by Johann Cruger (harmony by Felix Mendelssohn)
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Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom the world rejoices;
Who, for our mother's arms,
hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Prayers of Intercession

Great God, we gather near and far, locally and internationally, to hear from you, to meet with you, to bear witness to the evidence of your good works today.

Whether we find ourselves in this moment filled with gratitude and love or anxiety and distrust, out of faithfulness, we're here to thank you, to worship the one who helps us in our unbelief, grateful for your many blessings, seen and unseen.

God of creation, you call each one of us blessed. No matter our identity, you name us beloved. You declare us worthy.

Anchored in the truth of your radical acceptance and love, Embolden us to be a church that is truly the House of God, proclaiming loudly and faithfully that all are welcome, now and always.

Help us to be a prophetic voice of hope for a people too often lonely and tired.

Called to loving relationships with our brothers, sisters, and friends in Christ, we ask that you send your Spirit, which brings unity and welcome, never division.

Compassionate God, enliven our senses such that we might recognize your presence in every person we encounter. Open our ears so that we may hear you in the myriad of voices just outside this chapel.

Clear our vision so that we may perceive your character, your life, on every face we see. Soften our hearts such that our own spirit would kneel before your Holy Spirit who dwells in every human.

Gracious God, we pray that you would help us as we strive to be a church busy about your Kingdom. For all of these things, we pray in the name of your son Jesus who taught us to pray saying...

**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.**

Invitation to the Offering

With our tithes and our offerings, we give thanks to the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever. Let us bless the offerings which we present to God.

Offering Prayer

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

Closing Hymn #694 (SH)

“Great God of Every Blessing”

Words by David Gambrell, Music by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
In death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
Transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Charge

Go in peace, trusting even where you have not seen.
May God our guardian protect you,
Christ the healer restore you,
and the Holy Spirit sustain you this day and forevermore.

Benediction

“The Blessing”

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The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
(repeat)

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

POSTLUDE