

First Presbyterian Church
June 10th, 10:00 am – Morning Worship
Matthew Schultz – Pastor
David Hagen – Music Director
Jan Gruhn – Organist

Prelude: “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” Held

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Schultz

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this morning to worship. In the midst of our busy lives and hectic schedules, we seek peace in the presence of God.

All: Jesus declares, “Peace be with you.”

Leader: In a time of great divisiveness, we seek unity in God’s presence.

All: Jesus declares, “Peace be with you.”

Leader: In a world plagued by violence, poverty, and fear, it is easy to lose sight of God; to wonder if God is here.

All: Jesus declares, “Peace be with you - Do not doubt but believe.”

Leader: Let us gather around the Lord who has entered our midst.

All: Let us worship God!

✠**Hymn:** “Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart” #290

Time for Reconciliation Liturgist Dennis Berry

Leader: We all have sinned, and fallen short of the lives that God calls us to lead. We have done what we should not do. We have failed to do what we should have done. And so we pray to God in silence, asking forgiveness.

(Moment of silence)

Leader. When he appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, Jesus said to them, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” As a people of love and compassion, we are called to forgive those who have sinned against us, in ways big and small. And so we pray to God in silence, granting forgiveness to others.

(Moment of silence)

Leader: In Matthew 6:14, Jesus says, “if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

✠**Response** Gloria Patri #805

All: 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, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Kids Time

Special Music “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” Pat Peacock
by Will L. Thompson

Scripture John 7:37-39 Page 1069

Scripture Isaiah 44:3 29:4-11 Page 720

Scripture Matthew 13: 31-34 Page 969

Sermon Rev. Matthew Schultz

“Do you believe the creation story?”

“Are things in the bible to be taken literally?”

For example, did Christ really rise from the dead, or is that a metaphor?”

“How do I know that I am following God in the right footsteps?”

“Faith has always been part of my life.

Why then does doubt creep into my thoughts?

Why does the question ‘is all of this real’ pop into my head? My heart believes, but sometimes my brain questions what is in my heart.”

✠**Hymn** “Heal Us, Immanuel, Hear Our Prayer” #411

Presentation of Tithes and Offering (Gifts can also be offered via our website)

Offertory “Be Thou My Vision” Wood

Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer

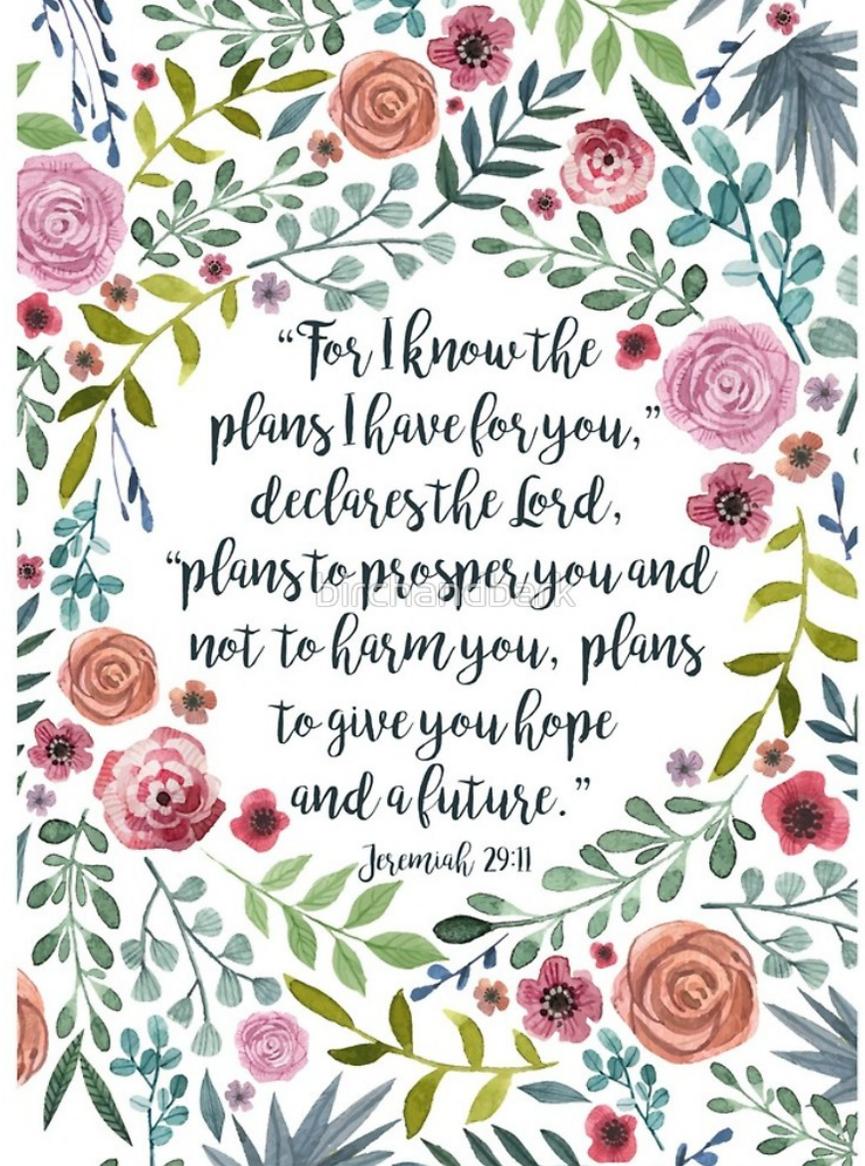
Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

✠ **Hymn** *"Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord"* #586

Benediction

Postlude: *"They'll Know We Are Christians"* Scholtes

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