

THE SERVICE of Worship

September 13 2020
Ordinary Time
10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON
established 1870

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sonata No. 1: Adagio
Edwin Walker, Organ

Felix Mendelssohn

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Where can we go from God's spirit? Where can we flee from God's presence?

There is no place we can go where God cannot find us.

If we stray so far from God's path we cannot find our way back,

even there, God's hand shall lead us and keep us safe.

Even if darkness covers us and we can see no light,

the night is as bright as day, for God is the light of the world.

Come, let us worship our God.

Let us follow Jesus our Savior, who leads us into light. Amen.

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP | "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

Glory to God 744

1. Arise, your light is come! The spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short,
for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you.**

Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others?

**We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts,
rather than offering the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves.**

We strive to be more faithful, Lord, we want to be more loving.

So, we kneel before you once again to ask for patience and grace.

**Transform us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us,
until it flows forth from us through acts of love. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;

Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Pastor David

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALTER Psalm 103:1-13

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 14:1-12

SERMON Rev. Rosy Robson

HYMN OF ADORATION | "To God Be the Glory" *Glory to God 634*

1. To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give him the glory; great things he has done!

2. Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give him the glory; great things he has done!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

From A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Glory to God Pg. 35*

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY "If With All Your Heart" Felix Mendelssohn
Peter Tiggelaar, Tenor From *Elijah*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Sonata No. 2: Allegro Maestoso Felix Mendelssohn
Edwin Walker, Organ