

# THE SERVICE of Worship

August 9, 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

“Ave Maria” Setting by Gounod based on a prelude by J. S. Bach  
Ron Neal, Violin | Edwin Walker, Organ

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

God who gathers us together across miles and distance,  
**weave us into holy community as we sing, pray, and give thanks.**  
God who enlivens the stories of scripture,  
**bring the words of our ancestors to life and help us hear them anew.**  
God who spoke through Deborah the prophet,  
**Guide us to make faithful judgments  
and move us to put our words into action.**

### HYMN OF THE TRIUNE GOD | “Sing Glory to the Name of God”

*Glory to God 10*

1. Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of Grace and glory saves.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!  
The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. The name of God is wild and free, awhirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia!  
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God the Three in One:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## CALL TO CONFSSION

### PRAYER OF CONFSSION | *Unison*

**God of life, when we perceive that our faith is in tension  
with the ways of the world, we often choose the path of least resistance.  
We know that you call us to take risks in faith,  
and yet we often yield to worldly power out of fear of consequence.  
Help us to recognize that disobedience can be holy;  
help us discern your voice speaking amidst all the other noise,  
and continue to give us the boldness to respond to your call. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

In our humility, God exalts us. In our pride, God humbles us.  
In all times and all circumstances, God forgives us and welcomes us home.  
**We are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen.**

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Pastor Jessie

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Judges 4:1-7

SERMON

Pastor Rosy Robson

HYMN OF CREATION | “God of the Sparrow”

*Glory to God 22*

1. God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,  
how does the creature say awe? How does the creature say praise?
2. God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,  
how does the creature cry woe? How does the creature cry save?
3. God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,  
how does the creature say grace? How does the creature say thanks?
4. God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal,  
how does the creature say care? How does the creature say life?
5. God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,  
how does the creature say love? How does the creature say peace?
6. God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,  
how do your children say joy? How do your children say home?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Confession Belhar*

**We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Meditation from Thais”  
Ron Neal, Violin | Edwin Walker, Organ

Jules Massenet

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Wachet Auf”  
Ron Neal, Violin | Edwin Walker, Organ

J. S. Bach

Arr. for violin by Otto Singer