

THE SERVICE of Worship

September 27, 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

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Members of the Ruth Greer Handbell Choir:

Ginger and Doug Anderson, Miriam Durrett, Colleen Oates,

Sue Rickman, Wendy Sheeley

Edwin Walker, Piano; Becky Lormor, Director

For reflection please see Glory to God 2

ITALIAN HYMN

Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

Arr. Sandra Eithun

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

Created, claimed, and loved, we are God's people.

Come, let us remember to whom we belong.

Poems, parables, and prophecies, whispers and winds, God speaks.

Come, let us listen for God.

Rescue, restoration, and renewal, God's deeds are glorious.

Come, let us worship the God of wonder.

Based on Psalm 78

HYMN OF CREATION AND PROVIDENCE | “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Glory to God 39

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *R*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *R*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Loving Lord,

**you desire that we have the same mind as Christ
and imitate his compassionate service.**

But our minds are fixed on attitudes and ambitions that draw us away from you.

We labor for ourselves and attend to the needs of a precious few

before considering how our time and talents could bless the world.

**We look up to the rich and famous and overlook the lowly
rather than affirming the dignity of all.**

Transform us, we pray.

**By your grace, give us the same mind and the same love as our Lord Jesus Christ,
and work within us until our actions bear witness to the faith our tongues confess.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Time and again, Jesus shows us that his forgiveness is abundant, and that all of us can change our hearts and minds. Hear and believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Take hold of this forgiveness, confident that God's Spirit is transforming us with grace and love.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Rosy and Pastor David

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALTER

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON

"Pointed Parables"

Pastor David Schaefers

HYMN OF PROMISE | "Fight the Good Fight"

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Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes, and seek God's face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

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

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision"

Members of the Ruth Greer Handbell Choir
Edwin Walker, Piano; Becky Lormor, Director
For reflection please see Glory to God 450

SLANE, Irish melody
Arr. Mitchell Eithun (handbells)
and Sandra Eithun (piano)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Prelude on DUKE STREET"

Edwin Walker, Organ

Wilbur Held