

THE SERVICE of Worship

July 5, 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

“I Need Thee Every Hour”
Dan White, Soloist

Arr. Dan White

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 delivered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fiery furnace,

Give us the courage to say no to idolatry, and to place our faith in you alone.

HYMN OF THE CHURCH | “God is Here!”

Glory to God 409

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our life-long need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

**Delivering God, you promise to walk with us through fire,
to be with us in our suffering and to deliver us from evil.**

**We struggle to trust in your promises,
and we look for ways to secure our own safety.**

We worship comfort and bow down to the idols of consumerism and greed.

**Deliver us from our idolatry and remind us that your love
is stronger than any fire. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

The triune God is our rock, our refuge, and our rescuer. In God, we are saved.

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

Daniel 3: 1-30

SERMON

Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

HYMN OF RECONCILIATION | "O God of Every Nation"

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1. O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.
2. From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.
3. Lord, strengthen those who labor that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.
4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when wars shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the worlds domain.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *Unison*

From *The Confession of 1967*

**The members of the church are emissaries of peace
and seek the good of humanity in cooperation with powers
and authorities in politics, culture, and economics.
But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices
when these same powers endanger human welfare.
Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose,
rather than man's schemes, will finally prevail.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Katharine Bates and Samuel Wood
Dan White, Soloist

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Edwin Walker, Pianist

Arr. Pote and Winkler

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