Won't You Be Our Neighbor?

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SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 23, 2025

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Eric Robinson

PRELUDE *Merry Go Round of Life* (Henry Mills) Joe Hisaishi arr. Mark Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP Alice Mills

We are called to love the Lord our God.
We are called to love with all our heart and soul.
We are called to love the Lord our God.
We are called to love with all our mind and strength.
We are called to love the Lord our God.
And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship.

***SONG OF WORSHIP** *Ten Thousand Reasons* Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

Chorus
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul!
I'll worship your holy name.

Verse 1
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)

Verse 2
You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)

Verse 3
And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! (Chorus)

Tag
I'll worship your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Kaitlyn McAlister

Gracious God,
we come before you with hearts full of regret,
acknowledging the times we have failed
to love our neighbors as ourselves.
We confess that we have often been indifferent,
ignoring the needs of those around us.
We have built walls where you call us to build bridges,
and we have turned away from opportunities to serve,
choosing convenience over sacrifice.

Forgive us, Lord, for not reflecting your love in the world.
Open our eyes to the hurt and suffering of those around us.
Break down barriers in our hearts
and help us be true neighbors-offering love,
grace and mercy as you have shown to us.
Empower us by your Holy Spirit
to live in a way that reflects your justice and peace.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.
(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** Kaitlyn McAlister

Hear the good news, friends, that God meets us in our brokenness
and in Him all things are made new.
Amen.

***SONG OF JOY** *Lift Your Head, Weary Sinner (Chains)*

Verse 1
Lift your head weary sinner
The river's just ahead
Down the path of forgiveness
Salvation's waiting there
You built a mighty fortress
Ten thousand burdens high
Love is here to lift you up
Here to lift you high

Chorus 1
If you're lost and wandering
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child
See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory open wide

Verse 2
All who strayed and walked away
Unspeakable things you've done
Fix your eyes on the mountain
Let the past be dead and gone
Come all saints and sinners
You can't outrun God
Whatever you've done can't overcome
The power of the blood

Chorus 2
If you're lost and wandering
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child
See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory open wide
If you're lost and wrecked again
Come stumbling in like a prodigal child
See the walls start crumbling
Let the gates of glory open wide

Bridge
Let the chains fall let the chains fall
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Ending
Let the gates of glory open wide
Let the gates of glory open wide

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Kaitlyn McAlister

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Caroline Clissold, Daniel Clissold
Alice Mills and Henry Mills

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ava Chapman

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SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 25:35-40 — Ava Chapman
Luke 10:25-37 — Caroline Clissold

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *What First Presbyterian Means to Me* Arianna Dulaney

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Henry Mills

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Henry Mills

OFFERTORY *Gratitude*

Verse 1
All my words fall short
I got nothing new.
How could I express
all my gratitude.

Verse 2
I could sing these songs
as I often do,
but every song must end
and You never do. *(continued next page)*

Chorus
So I throw up my hands
and praise You again and again
'cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah;
and I know it's not much,
but I've nothing else fit for a king
except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah.

Verse 3
I've got one response.
I've got just one move.
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You.

Bridge
Come on my soul.
Oh, don't you get shy on me.
Lift up your song,
'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord.

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** James Harrington

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** James Harrington

written by
Jaidyn McAllister

We are deeply loved by God.
God is our refuge and strength.
We believe in God,
who is love and loves all.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal us,
and to free us from all the ways
that separate us from Him.
We believe that in Jesus Christ,
God became flesh, our teacher, our best example, Savior of the world.
We believe that Jesus Christ was fully human and fully God.
And we believe in the Spirit of God
who works in and through all of us,
turning us toward the truth.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING SONG** *My Lighthouse* Chris Llewellyn

Verse 1
In my wrestling and in my doubts,
In my failures you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Verse 2
In the silence you won't let go.
In the questions your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you, oh,
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore,
Safe to shore.

Verse 3
I won't fear what tomorrow brings,
With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh.
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Bridge (3 times)
Fire before us, you're the brightest,
You will lead us through the storms! (chorus)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Daniel Clissold

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