TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 17, 2021
11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE — Steven Phillips

PRELUDE — *Praise the Lord* — Cesar Franck

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — From Psalm 149, Anna-May Jacobsen

Praise the Lord!
Sing a new song in the presence of the faithful.
Let us be glad in our Maker;
let the children of promise rejoice in their Leader.
Let us praise God's name with dancing,
making melody with tambourine and lyre.
For the Lord takes pleasure in the gathered people;
God adorns the humble with victory.

***HYMN 26** — *Earth and All Stars!* — Earth and All Stars

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Janet Olshewsky

Holy One,

We are born for joy,
but sometimes we forget our birthright and we choose gloom,
We are made for connection,
but sometimes we are afraid to open ourselves to others.
We are happiest when serving,
but sometimes we fill our lives with grasping.

Awaken us again to joy.
Root us in relationships of care and trust.
Center us in gratitude.

So that our lives become a clearer expression of the Christ-life within us.

(We invite you to take a moment of silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***SONG OF PRAISE 583** *Glory to God* Taizé

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria! Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST** Carrie Mills

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Lydia Chapdelain and Molly Horner

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:32-45

SERMON *"Just Text Me"* Steven Phillips

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From *The Sarasota Statement* Susan McDonald

We trust in Jesus Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
whose ministry liberates the oppressed, welcomes the outcast,
and upends systems of death-dealing power.
Through humility and sacrifice Jesus brings life to all,
and commissions his followers to do the same.

We grieve that we have segregated and broken our communities
along worldly constructs of race, class, ideology, and belief.

To be a Christian is to be continuously undone and remade
by a Savior who encounters us in ways we might not expect,
through a collection of people we might otherwise
reject, screen, or censor.

We commit to move beyond like-minded choruses that reinforce our biases,
joining the community that reflects God's grace,
Christ's kingdom, and the Spirit's action.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Steven Phillips

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.

ANTHEM *It's a Gift to Be Simple* Shaker Tune / arr. Dale Wood
(Chancel Choir and Handbell Trio)

It's a gift to be simple, it's a gift to be kind,
It's a gift to smile and to share a happy mind.
It's a gift from the Father when we go on our way
With a joyful song and the start of the day.

But the gift to be simple and the gift to be kind
Are the gifts which only a very few will find.
Yet these gifts from the Father can be found every day
If we look to God and God's will we obey.

Love, love! It's a gift to be kind.
It's a gift when we smile, when we share a happy mind.
Love, love! We go on our way with a joyful song
At the end of the day.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

***HYMN 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me* Kelvingrove

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***BENEDICTION** Steven Phillips

POSTLUDE *You Shall Go Out with Joy* Douglas Wagner

David Patrick, our guest organist today, has recently returned to his native Sarasota following a distinguished career as music director, voice coach, pianist and organist for churches, colleges, theaters, and theme parks. In addition to a long tenure with the celebrated Fred Waring Singers, he has produced numerous musical events for Walt Disney World and was organist at First Presbyterian Church of Orlando.