

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN

August 23, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is from God, Who made Heaven and Earth.
Come to worship the One who answers our prayers.

If God were not on our side, we could not live.

If God were not for us, we would be swept away.

God has gifted each one of us in unique ways.
In our variety, we complement one another.

We rejoice in God’s love and faithfulness.

Blessed be our God, Whose Word is true.

In thankfulness, we bring our joyous songs.

We are here to pay attention to God’s instructions.

We are here, seeking to discern God’s will.

We are open to God’s transforming Spirit.

HYMN # 487

When Morning Guilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning guilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let Earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we did not realize that we are among the rich oppressors of this world. We think we are poor when we cannot have everything we want. Keep us from misusing the power we have. We confess our fear of those who are unlike us. We set up barriers against them when we are afraid. Keep us from acting in ways that alienate and divide. When we are tempted to conform to the world's standards, set before us the higher model of sacrifice and service that is given to us in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING SENTENCES

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn
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DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive our offering, Gracious God, as an expression of our thankfulness. In Your Church, we become aware that the greatest gifts we receive are not material. In Your Church, we also learn how best to use the gifts You give us. May many be blessed through our sharing of these offerings and our sharing of ourselves. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 138
Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON

“Who Do You Say That I Am?”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 371

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

REFRAIN: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world – adore – his sa-cred name.*

*Come, Christians, fol-low – where our Savior trod.
The – Lamb – vic-to-rious – Christ, the Son of God. REFRAIN*

*Each new-born ser-vant – of the Crucified
Bears – on – the – brow – the – seal of Christ who died. REFRAIN*

*O, Lord, once lif-ted – on the glorious tree
Your – death – has – brought – us – life eternally. REFRAIN*

*So, shall our song – of – triumph ever be:
Praise – to – the – Cru-ci-fied for victory. REFRAIN*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet,
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

TO THE KITCHEN FOR COFFEE!

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