

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN

July 26, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

“The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like ...”

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.

A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds. But when it has grown, it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid, then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.

A merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one of great value, sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

The Kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Let all who have ears, hear.

HYMN # 333

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness.*

*And all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Ask and it shall be given unto you.

Seek and ye shall find.

*Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise Creator, we confess that we haven't been paying attention. We fail to see that You are at work in the world around us. We fail to see the treasures You have hidden for us: the joy found in sunrises and sunsets, the breathtaking rainbow after the storm, the comet in the night sky. There are secrets we don't understand until we experience them: the love You plant between two people, the laughter of children, the tears that bring relief. We often aren't paying attention to how You are at work in the world around us. Open us to the hidden treasures, the secret delights of life, O God, and help us to live into Your wisdom and insight, with the Spirit's leading. In the name of Jesus Christ, who showed us the Way, the Truth, and the Life, 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

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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

The gift of Your realm is precious to us, O God. It is worth our greatest efforts and our caring sacrifice. As we search for the best in life, we also want to share our faith discoveries with friends and neighbors. May our outreach proclaim to all that nothing can separate us from Your love. We give You thanks that You have entrusted to us all that we are privileged to share. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON “The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like ...” Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 445 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake – thy sure – repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou may’st smile – at – all thy – foes.*

*See, the streams of living waters springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails – from – age to – age.*

*Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day.
Safe they feed upon the manna which God – gives – them when they – pray.*

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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