

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN
June 14, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.
“Justice, Only Justice Shall You Pursue”

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are you, in your emptiness and in your desperate cries to God,

For yours is the grace of God, the Love that surpasses all understanding.

Blessed are you who cry for your own pain and for the suffering you witness.

For the Holy Spirit is promised to you, groaning where words fall short.

Blessed are you who respond in nonviolence

*For you belong to God and to one another,
and life will flourish where you seek to protect it.*

Blessed are you who ache and fast for justice.

For you will witness the love of God acting upon this Earth.

Blessed are you who are led by empathy, quick to listen and slow to judge.

You will sow gentleness, kindness, and mercy.

Blessed are you who push deeper into your faith.

You will be refreshed to go on.

Blessed are you who work for justice.

You will know the binding love of God in your life.

Blessed are you who suffer for that work.

You make way for Resurrection.

HYMN

We Call Ourselves Disciples

LANCASHIRE

*We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.
As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ's path to clear,
In joyful expectation, we see God's reign draw near.*

*We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed,
To share a cup of water and bread with all in need.
To work till God's compassion and righteousness prevail
Till all this planet's people know justice without fail.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Justice and Peace, we know that You created us in the diversity of Your image. But still, we refuse to see You reflected in the face of our neighbor who lacks adequate health care, experiences hunger, or doesn't have a home. We don't seem to see Your image in the face of our neighbor who has a different skin tone, worships in a different tradition, or speaks in a language that we don't understand. Forgive us for lashing out from our sense of ignorance and fear. Turn us around to be peacemakers and justice builders, recognizing the abundance and balance of the world that You created. 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 & 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

We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the Earth, and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, O God. We believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is the time when more good can be done, and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of our gifts and the offering of our deeds. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 16:18-20
Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

“Justice, Only Justice Shall You Pursue”

Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN
PEACE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

WORLD

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

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

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