

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN
August 9, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.
“Impossible?”

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us.
Do not fear to meet Christ here.

We have heard the invitation.

Our hopes have brought us together.

The storms of life do not have the last word.
Our faith keeps us from sinking.

Our doubts lead to greater faith.

Our losses open us to greater possibilities.

Let us call on God's name and give thanks.
Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

We will sing of God's wonderful works.

We will share with others God's marvelous deeds.

HYMN # 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

*REFRAIN: This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long.
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*Perfect submission, perfect delight. Visions of rapture now burst on my sight!
Angels, descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

REFRAIN

*Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

REFRAIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we are dreamers more intent on our own importance than on Your vision for us. We like our favored position on this Earth, and we are jealous of those who possess more than we do. We want to walk on water before we have learned to stand upright on the land. We want to rise above others rather than reaching out with helping hands, that all might be uplifted by You. We pray for pardon, for greater insight, for another chance to live and serve with faithfulness. 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

O God, we cannot deceive You with the appearance of generosity. You know how we manage the wealth entrusted to our care. Help us to know the joy of sharing from the abundance You provide. Help us to trust when we feel we do not have enough. We give thanks that You enable us to be givers, and not just receivers. May what we offer here provide a helpful ministry to others. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 85:8-13
Matthew 14:22-23

SERMON

“Impossible?”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.”*

*“When through the deep waters I call thee to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow.
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”*

*“When through fiery trials – thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”*

*“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.*

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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