

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN
September 13, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.
“False Witness and Forgiveness”

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 149)

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker.

Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise God’s name with dancing,
Making melody with tambourine and lyre.

*For the Lord takes pleasure in His people,
And adorns the humble with victory.*

Let the faithful exult in glory.

Let us sing together for joy!

HYMN # 476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

*O Worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love.
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O tell of God’s might, O sing of God’s grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
The chariots of Heaven, deep thunderclouds form,
And bright is God’s path on the wings of the storm.*

*The Earth with its store of wonders untold.
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old.
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have not been faithful to Your commands. We have been more ready to condemn than to console, more eager to justify ourselves than to work for understanding. We feed the flames of dissent instead of welcoming the freeing power of forgiveness. We gather as two or three, not to welcome Your presence, but to gossip about those who are absent. Our sins are destroying us, O God. Turn us around to a new way of being. In Jesus' 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 & 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

In these gifts, O God, we acclaim You as our Lord. May they be useful to You in bringing Your kingdom into full flower through the ministries of Your Church, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-17
Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

“False Witness and Forgiveness”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 446

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 removed.
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 delivering 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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