

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



Sunday Service of Worship
September 27, 2020
10:30 a.m.

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“Trusting Jesus and Fishing for People”

WELCOME, RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING PRAYER

In the name of the Spirit of God, Who hovered over the primal waters. In the name of the Word of God, Who parted the waters for Earth to appear. In the name of the Wisdom of God, Who filled the waters with incredible designs. Amen.

***Holy! Holy! Holy! The oceans and rivers, lakes and seas,
harbors and bays are filled with God’s presence.***

Christ, we come into Your presence today to worship in this sanctuary called Earth.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with Christ’s presence. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

We invite the oceans and rivers to praise God with us.

The deep sea currents, the mountain peaks on the ocean floor.

We call the lakes and seas to celebrate with us.

The icebergs that break off in the Arctic.

The calm waters that caress the shoreline.

We join all life in the harbors and bays to worship God.

Clams, oysters, and scallops underneath.

Choirs of fish swimming above.

We summon the seashore to magnify the Lord.

The egret, swan, seagull, and osprey.

The whitecaps and waves that splash in praise.

Oceans and rivers, lakes and seas, harbors and bays, the Long Island Sound.

We celebrate all that lives within them,

The Lord God made them all!

HYMN # 118

I’ve Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in-a-my soul. (Repeat)*

*I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain in-a-my soul. (Repeat)*

*I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean in-a-my soul. (Repeat)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed You. We are sinful people who forget to thank you and who delay calling upon You when tough decisions need to be made. We prefer the safety of familiar programs, even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines, even when they cause us to lose sight of Your purposes. O God, we fall down before You, seeking forgiveness. 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

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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

God, our Creator, through Your love You have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for all living things, on land, in the air, and in the sea. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6:1-8
Luke 5:1-11

SERMON

“Trusting Jesus and Fishing for People” Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

REFRAIN: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? REFRAIN:*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? REFRAIN:*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,
 A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.*

REFRAIN:

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright,
 And Christ's great kingdom shall come on Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
 A song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword,
 And shatter the spear and sword. REFRAIN*

*We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
 Hath sent us the Son to save us, and show us that God is love,
 And show us that God is love. REFRAIN*

*We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,
 That all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,
 Might come to the truth of God. REFRAIN*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS