

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN
September 6, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.
“Labor Day Sunday”

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are the poor who have no work or too little income.

God has promised: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who are hungry right now.

God has promised: they shall be filled.

Blessed are those who weep over unpaid bills, the loss of a job, or their children’s lack of opportunities.

God has promised: they shall be comforted. They shall laugh.

Blessed are those who are merciful.

God has promised: they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice.

God has promised: they shall be filled.

The time is surely coming when God’s justice and peace shall reign throughout the land.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN # 417

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

*Come, Labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, “Go work – today.”*

*Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share.
To young and old the Gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night – draws nigh.*

*Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here.
Though feeble agents may we all fulfill God’s right-eous will.*

*Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky.
Till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie.
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun. “Well done, well done!”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are workers, God, just like You. But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to You. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits, while others have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits. Forgive us, and help us to create a better world where workers everywhere share in Your abundance. 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.*

LITANY FOR THOSE WHO WORK & THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord God: You are ever at work in the world for us and for all humankind. We pray that You guide and protect all who work to earn their living.

Amen.

For those who plow the earth, for those who tend machinery;
For those who sail deep waters, for those who venture into the skies;

Work with them, O God.

For those who work in offices and warehouses,
For those who labor in stores or factories;

Work with them, O God.

For those who work in mines, for those who buy and sell;
For those who keep house, for those who work with children;

Work with them, O God.

For all who live by strength of arm, for all who live by skill of hand;
For all who employ or govern;

Work with them, O God.

For all who excite our minds with art, science, or learning;
For all who instruct, for writers and teachers;

Work with them, O God.

For all who serve the common good in any way by working;

Work with them, O God.

For all who labor without hope, for all who labor without interest;

For those who have too little leisure, for those who have too much leisure;

For those who are underpaid, for those who pay small wages;
For those who cannot work, for those who look for work in vain;
For those who trade on troubles of others, for profiteers, extortionists, and greedy people;

Great God, work through us and help us always to work for You, we pray, saying "Our Father"

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 give because of all that has been given to us. May these gifts, which are the result of the work of our hands, be used on behalf of those who hunger, those who seek freedom and justice, and those who have lost hope. Help us to accomplish Your purposes where we live and work. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5, 31
1 Corinthians 15:9-11

SERMON "Work: A Four-Letter Word" Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN # 505

ST. FLAVIAN

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

*Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart.
Savior, abide with us, and spread Thy table in our heart.*

*There sup with us in love divine; Thy body and Thy blood.
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

God our Help, we thank You for this meal shared in the Spirit with Your Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise You for giving us all good gifts in him, and pledge ourselves to serve You, even as in Christ You have served us. Amen.

HYMN # 364

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

*I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green.
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God help me to be one, too.
They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love – made them strong.
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce, wild beast!
And there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one, too.
They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands, still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea.
For the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one, too!*

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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