

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue No. 9 in E major BWV 878
Emily Steinbach, piano

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 363

Rejoice the Lord is King! Hymn can be found on pg 7 Darwall's 148th

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Life up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love; When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Read in unison)

God of mercy, in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making and forget our covenant with you. We seek your mercy for the times we make excuses for ourselves; when we conveniently forget that you speak to us through our hearts, minds, and consciences to guide us in our decision making. When we are passionate for what is right, we wrong those with whom we differ. Remind us that we must reach out to others in compassion and peace. And help us again to be your disciples, offering hope and peace to your hurting and wounded world.

(Time for silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE DARWALL'S 148TH

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come And gather all the saints to their eternal home. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ellis Hazelet Clark, son of Craig and Martha Clark

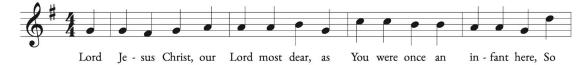
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN FOR BAPTISM

Tallis' Canon





THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jordan Akin

FIRST READING

Philippians 4:1-9

ANTHEM

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake
The Octet

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.

SECOND READING Exodus 32:1-14

SERMON Waiting for God Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

ANTHEM Love Divine Howard Goodall

The Women of the Octet; Marsha Williams Roberts, piano

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down: fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest: take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be: let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, 'til in heav'n we take our place, 'til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. - *Charles Wesley*

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Read responsively)

"Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer..."

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn can be found on pg 8 & 9

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.

As thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice the Lord Is King!

Marsha Williams Roberts, organ

Philip Gehring

IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Chancel Flowers for today are given by Marilyn and Gordon Duke in memory of those who have lost their lives due to COVID-19.

We welcome Emily Steinbach to our worship this morning. Emily has been part of our children's choir program as accompanist for many years. She is a senior at Highlands Latin School, and a piano student of Jeff Jamner. This year she participated in the prestigious Philadelphia Young Pianist Academy, and with fellow pianist Ani Hutchens won first prize in the Four-Hands category in the Princeton Festival 2020 Virtual Piano Competition.

Second Presbyterian is immensely grateful to Marsha Williams Roberts who has served since mid-August as a substitute organist while our interim organist, Guy Younce, has been out with an injury. Marsha has provided beautiful music and vital partnership with our musicians during this time. Thank you, Marsha, for your distinguished service.

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Marsha Williams Roberts, organist Evan Vicic, audio/video technician; Elder Nicholas Moloney, video

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Nina Hilbert on the death of her husband, Steve Hilbert, 10/6/20. Sharon Owens on the death of her mother, Ruth Kuhl, 9/19/20. Chip Hancock and his family on the death of his father, 9/19/20. The Pence families on the death of their mother, Jerry Pence, 9/18/20. Lisa Houghland and her family on the death of her father, James Bell, 9/11/20. Sue Rogers and her family on the death of her uncle, Wayland Rogers, 9/9/20. Charles Bond and his family on the death of his brother, Rob Bond.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Nathan Sautter, Assoc. Pastor for Community Life
Rev. Jordan Akin, Assoc. Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs Coord.
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Coord.
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of October 11

The Church Gym is now taking reservations for rentals. The following time slots are available- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. 5-6:30 Pm and 7-8:30 Pm. The cost is \$75 per time slot. All reservations are on a first come first serve basis. Covid precautions are in effect. Rules and information are available in the church office of Lisa Bickett. If you have children or grandchildren on a team that needs practice facilities please inquire. Call John Hubbard 939-5741 or Lisa Bickett 895-3483.

Sunday School for ages 3 years through 5th grade will take place virtually. Lessons for the month of October are based on faith lessons found in the Disney movie *Moana*. Materials were dispersed at the "Family movie night" on 9/25 and will continue to be available for pick up under the portico on Sunday mornings as well as throughout the week during office hours (9:00-4:00). A video lesson pertaining to materials will be sent out each week with "2nds to go" or can be found on the church's website under the resources tab.

Wednesdays Together

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adult Classes

Two adult classes will be offered this season:

Morning Joy at Night taught by Pastor Steve in the Library

Life Together taught by Pastor Nathan in the Great Hall

5:45-7:00 p.m. Youth Classes

5:45-6:20 pm. *Music Together* (youth 6th-12th grade) are invited to gather in our own"safe space" - Fellowship Hall A to play handbells and other instruments. We will also try a bit of singing outside (all activities masked and at appropriate distance). Youth can then join their friends at Journeying Together. Please RSVP by emailing Jim Rittenhouse at jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org

6:00-7:00 p.m. Journeying Together (youth 6th-12th grade) class will be a rotation of mission, games, and thoughtful

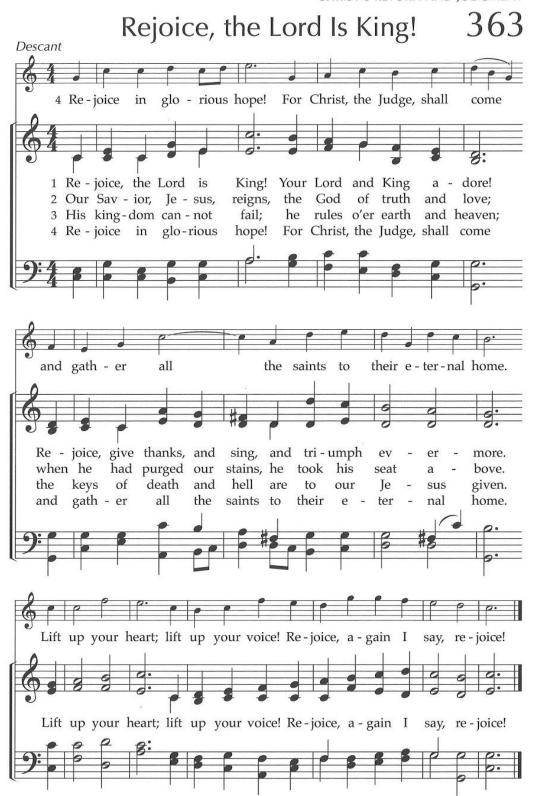
Conversation.

6:00-7:00 p.m. Children's Classes

6:00-7:00 p.m.- Learning Together (children ages 3 years to 5th grade - all activities outside)
The Learning Together class will be arranged in small group stations involving an interactive lesson, craft and fun games.

Children's Music FALL BREAKOUT During Wednesdays Together on October 21 at 6 p.m., we invite all kids 3 years through Grade 5 for a night of fun-filled music led by our Children's Choir leaders outside! Whether you have participated in our Children's Choirs before or not, you are invited to be part. Please reserve a spot for your children by emailing Virginia Fortner no later than noon on Monday, Oct. 19 - vfortner@2ndpreslou.org. If you would like to be part of the Wednesdays Together meal, email Chelsea Beasley by the same deadline - cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org. NOTE: If there is inclement weather, this event will be postponed, and regular activities for the children will be led by Lorie Williamson and her team.

Popcorn and Pumpkins Families are invited to come to our Halloween movie night on October 25th from 5:00-7:00. The movie *Coco* will be featured as well as fun fall activities such as pumpkin painting & carving, a spooky trail, scavenger hunt and of course tricks & treats! Costumes are encouraged! Sunday school material for the month of November will be available for pick up as well. Prepackaged dinners from Lee's Famous Chicken are available to order by contacting Chelsea Beasley at cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org. This event is free and will take place outside. Popcorn & pumpkins will be canceled in the event of rain.



Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

