Mission Presbytery Third Sunday Worship

Sunday, June 20, 2021

***Welcome & Gathering***

***Call to Worship***

Come, Spirit, fill this place!

**That in love and joy, we may worship God.**

Come, Spirit, fill this place!

**That in peace and patience, we may learn and be grow.**

Come, Spirit, fill this place!

**That in kindness and generosity, we may be sent to serve.**

Come, Spirit, fill this place!

**That in faithfulness, gentleness, and self control, we may come together to be a justice seeking and peace-making people. Amen.**

***Hymn –*** *Spirit of the Living God (GtG #288, PH #322)*

***Prayer of Confession***

**Almighty God,**

**you love us, but we have not loved you.   
You invite us to walk the way of peace, but we have not listened.**

**You remind us daily of our neighbors in need,   
but we can’t seem to find the generosity or kindness to respond.**

**We have wandered away from the path of faithfulness, and find ourselves lost once again.**

**God of grace,**

**help us to admit our sin, acknowledging the ways we fall short**

**so that as you come to us in mercy,**

**we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;   
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

***Assurance of Forgiveness***

Here a believe the Good news!

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

If we have died with Christ,

we believe that we will also live with Christ.   
Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin   
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

***Hymn*** *– Restore in Us, O God (GtG #434)*

***Word***

***Prayer for Illumination***

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us again, awaken us to your movement in our lives and quite within us now every voice within us but your own, and startle us again with your, truth. That we may be and become the people you created us to be from the dawn of time. Amen.

Our scripture this afternoon come from the letter to Galatians chapter 5… let us listen now for the way the Spirit speaks to us through this short text…

***Scripture***

Galatians 5:22-25

**22** By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. **24** And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

***Sermon*** “The Spirit of Restoration”

***Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer***

We give you thanks Spirit of Life and Love in shaping and sustaining your wondrous creation.

We especially thank you for

the miracle of life and the wonder of living . . .

the small joys and simply kindness experienced everyday . . .

for this community, for those who have found a home here and those who are yet to come . . .  
for gifts of creative vision, thoughtful discourse . . .

for your servants who will be agents of change. . . .

We pray for others, God of grace claiming your love for the whole world  
and committing ourselves to care for those around us following your example.

We especially pray for

those wrestling with unknown paths and uncertain futures…  
those in need of healing in all its forms...

For this country and a renewed sense of cooperation…

For those struggling in ways both seen and unseen…

For those indeed of love, and care…

For those looking for a place to belong, a home, a country, a community…

We bring all of these prayers to you Holy one, that you might continue your work of transformation in our lives and in this world.

We prayer all of this in Christ name.

***Hymn –*** *For the Fruit of All Creation (GtG #36, PH#553)*

***Blessing and Charge***

Go into the world:

dance, laugh, sing, and create.

**We go with the assurance of God’s blessing.**

Go into the world:

risk, explore, discover, and love.

**We go with the assurance of God’s grace.**

Go into the world:

believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

**We go with the assurance of God’s love.**

**Thanks be to God!**

May the love of God surround you,

the wisdom of Christ guide you,

and the power of the Holy Spirit restore and encourage you

as you joyfully live this day and the days to come!