

First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA

Morning Worship—August 2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As the chimes ring in the worship hour,

we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

*****Please note: There will be no congregational singing at this time.*****

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“To God Be the Glory”

arr. Philip Keveren

INVOCATION:

You call us, Wanderer of seashores and sidewalks, inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors into the uncharted waters of faith to wander off from our predictable paths to follow You into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom; to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany You into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually avoid. In our simple, sometimes crazy, constantly uncertain lives, speak to us, Spirit of Grace: of that hope which is our anchor; of that peace which is our path; of that grace which is our refuge.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

(based on Matthew 14:22-33)

Leader: We gather together to worship God, who comes to us when we least expect it, who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives and invites us to join Him in the adventure of faith.

All: Let us devote our lives to giving God the glory!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Eternal God, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We know that Your grace, as shown in the gift of Jesus Christ, can make us whole, so we ask You to forgive us through Him once more, that we may glorify You in all we do. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ Jesus enter the world to rescue sinners.

People: He bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Apostles' Creed)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC MEDIATION

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 14:22-34, 1 Corinthians 12:27

SERMON:

“Get Out Of The Boat”

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart

HYMN OF PROMISE

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Just As I Am”

The flowers today are given in honor of Pastor Beth as we welcome her and her family to our church family.

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the savior
And life more abundant and free.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

The hymn "The Heavenly Vision", or as it is better known, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus", was penned by Helen Howarth Lemmel and was first published in 1922. The inspiration for the hymn came from a tract given to Lemmel by a missionary friend of hers, Lilius Trotter, entitled "Focused." The pamphlet contained these words: "So then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness." Although born in England in 1863 to a Methodist minister and his wife, Mrs. Lemmel spent much of her life in the U.S. She wrote over 500 hymns and, like several other hymn writers, was affiliated with the Moody Bible Institute. She was a talented singer and taught music at the Institute. While there is a story of Mrs. Lemmel marrying a European man and later losing her eyesight, in addition to her husband abandoning her, there is little evidence that those events actually happened and were not the inspiration for the hymn. Mrs. Trammel did, however, bless many souls with the inspiring words she wrote during the 97 years she spent on this earthly plane.

“Just As I Am”

Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown, Has broken every barrier down; Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come.