

First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA

Morning Worship—July 26, 2020

17th 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

“And Can It Be?”

arr. Wilbur Held

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God is our refuge and strength. God is a very present help in times of trouble. God is our good Shepherd with us in the valleys of the shadow of death. God is our sure foundation against all the storms of life.

All: Let us joyfully worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Living for Jesus”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Eternal God, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We know that Your unmerited 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Confident that God has made peace with us in Christ Jesus; let us now make peace with one another. The peace of our Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSIC MEDIATION

“I’ll Tell the World ”

arr. Fred Bock

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Holy God, your truth and our hope, your love for us and our response, are all so difficult to understand. They are such good news; and so mysterious, it is hard for us to understand. Be with us today and open our hearts, so that we might catch a glimpse of your truth. Speak to each of us today through your word. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 and Romans 8:26-39

SERMON:

“536”

Jackson Weller

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HYMN OF PROMISE

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Seek Ye First”

Living for Jesus

Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.
I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee ev'ry hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son!
I need Thee, o I need Thee;
ev'ry hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee!

Note:

Although Annie Hawks wrote the lyrics for more than 400 hymns, "I Need Thee Every Hour" is considered to be the most popular, and had been translated into more languages than any other hymn at the time of her death in 1918. Many of the hymns she wrote were set to music by her minister, Dr. Robert Lowry. A published poet for much of her life, beginning at the age of 14, Mrs. Hawks said the following of this hymn: "I remember well, the morning when in the midst of the daily cares of my home, I was so filled with the sense of the nearness of the Master that wondering how one could live without him, either in joy or pain, these words 'I need thee every hour' were ushered into my mind. The hymn was wafted out to the world on the wings of love and joy, rather than under the stress of great personal sorrow. It was not until long years after when the shadow of a great loss fell over my way that I understood something of the comforting in the words I have been permitted to write."

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 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.

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first, the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!. Amen.