

First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA

Morning Worship—August 16, 2020

DRAWN IN TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S GRACE

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.***

Worship Participants: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart, Heather Perryman, Ray Beale, Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata

WELCOME & INVOCATION:

God is here to receive our praise.

God is worthy of our adoration.

God is here to receive our confession.

God is near to the brokenhearted.

God is here to transform our minds and hearts.

Let us joyfully worship God.

PRELUDE

“Laudation”

by Gilbert Martin

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

All who are thirsty, come!

God is the fountain for our lives.

All who are hungry, come!

Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.

Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the Table.

HYMN OF WELCOME

“O Lord Our Lord”

by Tom Fettke

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God,

Forgive us, we pray --

For all the times we have turned away from an opportunity to be generous;

For all the times we have believed in hopelessness, in isolation or in despair more than we have believed in you;

For all the times we have chosen timidity over bold witness;

For all the times we have failed to live into the awesomeness of the gifts you have given us.

Forgive us, O God. Teach us how to forgive each other and help us to forgive ourselves.

(Silent prayer)

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

"Holy God, your steadfast love never ceases. We thank you that your mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness."

We are forgiven and free.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Please stand as you are able

DRAWN TOGETHER TO EMBODY GOD'S GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC MEDITATION

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

arr. Mark Hayes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Dolianitis

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 READING

Matthew 14:13-22

SERMON:

#We Are the Church – Sacrificial Generosity

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

HYMN OF PROMISE

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

DRAWN FORTH TO EXTEND GOD'S GRACE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Voluntary in d minor"

by William Herschel

O Lord Our Lord by Tom Fettke

Lyrics: O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your mercy; O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your love;
For every grace Your kindness has provided, to every soul who calls upon Your name.

O Lord, our Lord, enthroned in highest heaven; O Lord, our Lord, enthroned in grateful hearts;
Your love extends to every generation with joyful news of Your redemption plan.

O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your mercy; O Lord, our Lord, we praise You for Your love;
For every grace Your kindness has provided, to every soul who calls upon Your name.

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by You, we turn to You,
Off'ring up ourselves in praise:
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone:

Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
Gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call.
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.