

First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA

Morning Worship—September 20, 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, Jackson Weller, Gary Wimer, and David Clark

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Blessed Assurance”

by Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

God’s act of creating all that is, God’s act of entering our lives in the person of Jesus, God’s everyday act of creating new life—all these are acts of bringing that which is not into being—all acts of originality. To create is to assert ourselves in a way that is risky, that invites stepping into the unknown. Jesus told a story about people who did different things with the “talents” given to them. The one who took a risk and utilized those talents multiplied his gift in the world. What can you do to risk what God has given you to expand love and grace in the world?

[sung]

In the world of the driven

Let us be drawn in

Let your love be a given

Let us be drawn in

To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem

For the sake of the livin’

Let us be drawn in

Leader: Let us pray together:

Risking God,

you created something from nothing.

Open us to move into the unknown future with confidence

so that we might live into your vision for this world you continue to create.

Draw us into your possibilities.

Give us the courage to act.

Amen.

HYMN

“The Summons”

GTG #726

What holds us back from the courage to make a move?

Author Robert Gruden said, "Creativity is dangerous. Its pleasure is not the comfort of the safe harbor, but the thrill of the reaching sail."

Sometimes what holds us back is that we are comfortable, even if not happy.

We simply have gotten used to the way things are.

Hear the Good News!

God has created an ever-expanding universe and you are part of it. You can expand your world and the world around you by seeing yourself as God sees you—able to do far more than you can imagine. If you are uncomfortable, it just means you are growing.

***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

"How Great Thou Art"

by Mark Hayes*

*In loving memory of our dear friend, Gail Gunn

"MAKE BELIEF" MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG OF HEART

Jackson Weller

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

O Lord, 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, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

SERMON:

"#Drawn In – Taking a Risk"

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

HYMN OF PROMISE

"I Dream of a Church"

Mark Miller

DRAWN FORTH TO EXTEND GOD'S GRACE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**** POSTLUDE –**

"Say Now, Ye Lovely Social Band"

arr. by Robert J. Powell

Please remain seated for the final offering of worship

The flowers today are given in honor of those who provide lunches every Saturday, by Jay and Bernadine Hayes.