

# ***First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA***

Morning Worship—September 6, 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, John Parris, and Tom Barrett

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

arr. Lani Smith

#### **INVOCATION**

Creating God,  
you called forth all that exists  
in a moment of divine brilliance.  
Open us again to that spark which you ignited  
in each of us at our creation  
so that we might generate more life-giving energy in this world.  
Draw us into your story of hope.  
Give us the courage to dream.  
Amen.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

All creation began with the dream of God, the will and intention for life to exist in the void. All of our actions are born out of desire, out of a dream and vision for the future. This is our birthright: to imagine and to create. What brings you alive? What truly moves your soul in the deepest way? What you create out of that answer is your greatest gift to the world and the way in which you are part of God’s unfolding and ongoing creative dream!

#### **“LET US BE DRAWN”**

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**

#### **HYMN**

*“Let Us Be Drawn In”*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

One: If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and renew us.**

Before God and God’s people, we confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, declaring God’s vision. Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God’s people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God’s dream of justice and joy.

**Remind us, God, that you have made us for your service and recharge us with your Word.**

**Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus’ name; Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

**\*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**

*“Thy Word”*

arr. Mark Hayes

**“MAKE BELIEF” MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG OF HEART**

Pastor Beth

**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.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 37:1-44:9 and Luke 4:17–21 NRSV

**SERMON:**

#Drawn In – Living In God’s Dream”

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

**HYMN OF PROMISE**

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

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**DRAWN FORTH TO EXTEND GOD’S GRACE**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*\* POSTLUDE –**

*“Our Lord, Master of All”*

by Rex Koury

**Please remain seated for the final offering of worship**

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of Pat Bolt,  
on her birthday, by Lisa Bolt and Chuck Bolt.*

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## **God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**

God, who stretched the spangled Heavens infinite in time and place,  
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space:  
We, Your children in Your likeness,  
Share inventive powers with You;  
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.  
We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;  
Known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;  
Probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,  
Facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.  
As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew:  
Children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring You.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun;  
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and Yours are one.