

Worship Participants

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Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication/Offering

We return to You, O God, but a portion of the wealth that You have bestowed upon us. We give financially to this church because there is a much work to be done in Your name. Bless our faithfulness to that mission and help us send blessings far and wide in Your name, O God. Multiply our efforts, we pray. Amen. Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates at the front of the Sanctuary as you enter or leave.

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given in honor of
Judy Small, my strong, courageous, loving sister
by Jackie Rochford.*



First Presbyterian Church

February 28, 2021

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.

Welcome and Invocation

Prelude *"Lord, Be Glorified"* arr. Mark Hayes

Crossing the Threshold *"Enter the Story"*

Prayer of Confession

The temple of the world can be
a busy, noisy place, O God.
Too often the rule is, "everyone out for themselves."
Too often we don't stop to think about
how our actions affect others.
Forgive us.
Turn us toward the temple of our hearts
where you await.
You entered our story through Jesus,
now help us to enter fully into the story
of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Hymn *"Inspired by Love and Anger"*

Telling the Story Through the Eyes of a Child Pastor Beth

Listening for the Story *Psalm 69: 8-16*

Anthem *"Enter the Journey"* by Mark Friedman

Dwelling in the Story

Enter
Enter the passion
Enter the place we belong
Not just looking on
For this is *our* passion
Enter the passion
Enter the story...
Enter the passion...
Enter his passion.

Pastoral Prayer

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full on his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his wonder and grace

Sermon *"Risking Righteous Anger"*

Hymn *"Let Us Build a House"* GTG#301

Sending

Postlude *"I Will Sing My Maker's Praises"* by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Benediction

May you be blessed by the sacred frames
that surround the moments of your life
that you dare not miss.
Amen.

*Our worship series, crafted by the Worship Design Studio, is based on a book by Amy Jill Levine, titled "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week."

Inspired by Love and Anger

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
Informed of God's own bias, we ask him once again:
"How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?"

From those forever victims of heartless human greed,
Their cruel plight composes a litany of need:
"Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?"

From those forever shackled to what their wealth can buy,
The fear of lost advantage provoke the bitter cry:
"Don't query our position! Don't criticize our wealth!
Don't mention those exploited by politics and stealth!"

To God, who through the prophets proclaimed a different age,
We offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:
"When will the wronged be righted? When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?"

God asks, "Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?"

Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat,
Attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
A Saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools
Has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

(Tune: Sally Gardens (Irish trad.) c. Wild Goose Publications,
c/o The Iona Community)

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:
All are welcome; all are welcome;
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus;

Refrain

Let us build a house where life is found in water, wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Refrain

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and
strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Build of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain