

∞ Order of Worship ∞

March 21, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrased from Psalm 107):

Leader: God, please make a fresh start in us,

People: and breathe holiness into us.

Leader: **You are our salvation, God**

People: We will sing anthems to Your life giving ways.

PRAISE SONG "Friends" v. 1 by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) (paraphrased from Psalm 51):

Loving God, We have a bad life and are sick as a result. You're the One we've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of our evil. Forgive our evil thoughts and ways. Please clear the slate so we can start the day in Your light, Lord, and to be more loving in all we say, think and do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned,

People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us to Your Sabbath.

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your loving family,

People: And lead us as we confess and repent.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:31-34

CHILDREN'S TIME "Jesus Lives For Me"
Brenda Carpenter

SPECIAL MUSIC "Won't You Be My Neighbor"
by Fred Rogers
(sung by Scott Miller)

SERMON "Firsthand Knowledge"

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER TIME-THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 235 "At the Name of Jesus" v.1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Friends

Verse 1:

Packing up the dreams God planted
In the fertile soil of you;
Can't believe the hopes he's granted
Means a chapter in your life is through.

But we'll keep you close as always;
It won't even seem you're gone,
'Cause our hearts in big and small ways
Will keep the love that keeps us strong.

Chorus:

And friends are friends forever
If the Lord's the Lord of them.
And a friend will not say "never,"
'Cause the welcome will not end.
Though it's hard to let you go,
In the Father's hands we know
That a lifetime's not too long to live as friends.

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At the Name of Jesus

Verse 1:

At the name of Jesus
Ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess Him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.
Amen.

Text Caroline M. Noel; based on Philippians 2:5-11
Music: *King's Weston*, Ralph Vaughan Williams

PNC

A brief update to let you all know that the Pastor search is continuing and progress is being made.

Lent Bible Study

"40 Days with Jesus: Celebrating His Presence"

If you haven't joined the Lent Devotional, please join us Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. You can use the same zoom link as we use for the Sunday Service. There will be plenty of good conversation and you'll grow closer to your Christian brothers and sisters. There will even be some chuckles and laughter! Extra booklets are in the church office.

All are welcome!

Palm Sunday -Next Week

"Escape the Tomb" is the title of the skit the youth and special guests will present via Zoom on Palm Sunday, March 28th. The skit is centered around a tourist trap escape room with an Egyptian theme called The Tomb of the Pharaoh. You will not want to miss the fun!

Members of the Christian Education Committee will be presenting special children messages each week that are related to Easter. Be sure to tune in.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Each gift to *One Great Hour of Sharing* helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable.

There are giving envelopes and flyers in the bulletin this week and next. There are envelopes and flyers on the table in the administrative wing for those who are not attending in-person church to pick up at their leisure.

Zoom

Session has approved purchasing a video camera and tripod to enhance the live streaming and to free Tim up from having to bring his equipment each week. The cost is \$1,500. We currently have \$500 from the "Staying Connected Grant" from Presbytery that can be used toward this investment.

If you would like to contribute, please mark "Video Equipment" on your check...

Administrative Door

There is a new push button lock on the administrative door. Each person (family) has their own code. Please call **Arlene or Dave Parsons** to get your personal code. Hold your palm over the lock and the device will come on, then punch in your number and hit the * key.



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