

Presbyterian Church of Henderson

Worship Service 10:00 AM

July 26, 2020

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements Gary Thomas

Organ Prelude Kristin Jones, Director of Music

*Call to Worship Billie Richert

In the darkest valley,

at the banquet table;

in the hard work of life,

at the moments of ease;

in our day-to-day reality,

at times set aside–

like this time, now–

for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

with every step we take:

goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.

Amen.

*Hymn "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

1 He's got the whole world in His hands

2 He's got the tiny little baby in His hands

He's got the tiny little baby in His hands

He's got the tiny little baby in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

3 He's got you and me brother in His hands

He's got you and me sister in His hands

He's got you and me brother in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands

4 He's got every body in His hands
He's got every body in His hands
He's got every body in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

***Call to Confession** Billie Richert

Trusting in God's mercy, let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other those ways we fall short from what God intends for us, all of which God already knows.

***Prayer of Confession** (unison)

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon** Billie Richert

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Please turn to your neighbor and share these words of assurance: "In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven."

***Passing the Peace**

Please turn and bow to someone out of respect and love—
"The peace of Christ be with you"

***Gloria Patri** (PH 579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination Billie Richert

Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written, in words spoken; intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

First Reading Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Children's Sermon Kristin Jones

Sermon "Faith in Hard Times" by Rev. Tom Sale

Special Music "It Is Well with My Soul"
Wayne Jones, soloist

Offering Rev. Tom Sale

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Tom Sale

Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known, that our lives might show forth your glory, for we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed) Rev. Tom Sale

Minister:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, what do you believe?

All:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People Rev. Tom Sale

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** PH 293 "This is My Father's World"

1 This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world.
Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

***Benediction** Rev. Tom Sale

***Organ Postlude** (please be seated for the postlude)