



Our hope in this season of COVID-19 is that all who worship virtually feel welcome and a sense of God's love through Jesus Christ.

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.

On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FOR WORSHIP

In this morning's Gospel reading, Jesus asks us what we would give in return for our life, teaching that "those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." Once we have found the true value of life in Christ, the apostle Paul teaches the marks of a true Christian life, shaped by a cruciform love.

PRELUDE

Janice Robison, Organist

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Robert E. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: From whirlwind and burning bush, in still of night and in sheer silence – God calls the faithful to sacred work. Beckoning us to turn aside, inviting us to stand on holy ground – God welcomes the faithful into sacred space. Come, God is calling. Let us worship the Lord!

HYMN

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you have fashioned us into your body. You continually knit us together as your people. Your Spirit undergirds our every breath and offers us courage and hope. So when we fail to live out of a sense of gratitude, forgive us. When we see each other through the eyes of suspicion rather than the eyes of trust, forgive us. When we do not practice what we preach, forgive us. Take the raw materials of our lives and remake us again into a people of the Way, your Way. Amen

DECLARATION OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu from Requiem

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Alli Purcell, Mary Rizzardi, sopranos

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Exodus 3: 1-15

Matthew 16: 21-28

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

Who do you say that I am?

Rev. Robert E. Martin

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Martin

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Janice Robison, Organist