First Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, July 26, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. – Live Stream  
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude 
Chorale
Joseph Jongen

Greetings

Call to Worship 
Psalm 139:1-6, 23-24
Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

People: Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day
Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Fill us with your mercy and your grace, that, with you to rule and guide, we may so use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (Vs. 1, 2, 4) No. 145

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence
Organ Response

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving 
Gloria Patri No. 579

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5-12

Kids Connection (pre-recorded) Geri Doll

Second Reading Romans 8:26-39
Sermon
“Wisdom to Govern”
Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Special Music
How Great Thou Art
Jesse Warkentin, Piano

Testimony
J.D. Page

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem
Bright and Beautiful (A Children’s Suite)
(arr. Mark Hayes)

Praise Him, All Ye Little Children;
All Things Bright and Beautiful;
Jesus Loves Me
Gretchen Bixler, Soprano; Jesse Warkentin, Piano

Doxology
No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn
In Christ There is No East or West (Vs.1 – 4)
No. 439

Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Postlude
Majestic Postlude
Mark Williams

Worship Leaders
Pastor
Brent O. Johnston
Liturgist
Dave Fulton
Director of Music
Steve Bixler
Organist
Mark Sweeney