First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, August 16, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. – Live Stream
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Hopson/Innes

Greetings

Call to Worship  -Adapted from Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you are present with us throughout our lives, even when others plot to do us harm. May we learn to live together in unity, that in all we do, we may sing your praises now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (vs. 1, 2, 3) No. 464

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

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Kids Connection (pre-recorded) Liz Norris

Song of Thanksgiving Gloria Patri No. 579

First Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Anthem With a Voice of Singing Chancel Choir Martin Shaw

Second Reading Matthew 15: 21-28
Sermon

“Build not a Wall but a Bigger Table”
Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Affirmation of Faith-Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

I Believe in My God
Steve Bixler, Guitar

Bob Broxterman

Doxology

No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (vs. 1, 3)

No. 446

Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Postlude

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Harald Rohlig

Worship Leaders

Pastor

Liturgist

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Russ Davisson

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney