First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, August 2, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. – Live Stream
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

G.F. Handel

Greetings

Call to Worship
Excerpt from Psalm 145:8-9, 14-19
Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

People: Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day
O God, giver of life and health, your Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst to see right prevail. Refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing; for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn
Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure (vs. 1,2,4) No. 251

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence. Or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Silence
Organ Response

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving
Gloria Patri No. 579

First Reading
Genesis 32:22-31
Kids Connection (pre-recorded)  Liz Norris

Second Reading  Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon  “Blessings Forced and Freely Given”
Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Special Music  The 23rd Psalm
Justin Peterson  Albert Hay Malotte

Testimony  Liz Norris

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem  I Surrender  Matt Crocker

Doxology  No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn  How Firm a Foundation (Vs.1, 2 5)  No. 361

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

Postlude  Intermezzo  Herman Schroeder

Worship Leaders

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