First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 13, 2020 – 10:45 a.m. – Live Stream
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Kevin Norris

Greetings

Call to Worship - Psalm 103
Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name
People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits
Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
People: who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
Leader: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
All: Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy:
Help us to forgive, as you have forgiven us. Help us to trust you, even when hope is failing. Help us to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (vs. 1, 2, 4)
No. 478

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

Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri
No. 579

Kids Connection (pre-recorded)

Liz Norris

First Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Anthem

Praise Ye the Lord!
Eugene Butler

Second Reading

Matthew 18:21-35
Sermon

“On Forbearance and Forgiveness”
Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

Leader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

People: 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

The Greatest of These is Love
Marilyn Heffner, Alto

Doxology

No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (vs. 1, 2, 3)
No. 281

Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Raymond Haan

Worship Leaders

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Liturgist
Dave Fulton

Director of Music
Steve Bixler

Organist
Mark Sweeney