



Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 25, 2021 | 10:00 am
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Largo from Sonata in C-minor
Mark DePasquale, guest organist

J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Michael Hegeman

Call to Worship

Michael Hegeman

*** Opening Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 5

1 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.*

3 *Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.*

2 *King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.*

4 *At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!*

Children's Message

Youth Mission Trip Commissioning

Hillary Mackowski
Terilyn Lawson

Choral Response

**Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

Call to Confession

O Christ, Surround Me
Small Group

Terilyn Lawson
Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

Common Confession and Assurance (unison)

Terilyn Lawson

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. Look upon us with favor, and in your loving kindness, restore a right spirit within us. Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (Silence.)

*** Congregational Response**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*** Passing of the Peace**

Terilyn Lawson

Our Common Life

Ministry Moment

Terilyn Lawson
Stephanie Webster

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Offertory

Musical Offering

Safe Within Your Arms
Schae Chapman, solo • Mark DePasquale, piano

Mark Hayes

*Whether I'm right or whether I'm wrong
Whether I'm weak or whether I'm strong
Whether I'm sure or may be confused
Feeling loved or feeling used*

*I know a place where I can go
Somewhere that winter winds don't blow
There I am warmed by loving arms
Held with care, next to Your heart*

*And I'm safe, within Your arms, Lord
I've become a child again
I've come back to the source of love
Where healing can begin
Though the world would say
I must be strong and prove my worth
By what I do
I will rest assured in Your embrace
And find my strength in You*

*Whether I'm walking in the light
Or whether I'm stumbling through the night
You are a God, whose promise endures
Though undeserved, Your love is sure*

*When I am tempted to pursue
Plans that may lead me far away from You
Gently You call, "My child, come home
I will never let go of one of my own"*

*And I'm safe, within Your arms, Lord
I've become a child again
I've come back to the source of love
Where healing can begin
Though the world would say
I must be strong and prove my worth by what I do
I will rest assured in Your embrace
And find my strength in You
And find my strength in You*

* Doxology (*Old Hundredth*, no. 592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:1-13

Michael Hegeman

Sermon

Understanding the Mystery of Christ

Michael Hegeman

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Terilyn Lawson

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

No. 280

1. *Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

2. *'Twas grace that taught my
heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

3. *Through many dangers, toils,
and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me
safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

4. *The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.*

5. *When we've been there ten
thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

The Charge

Michael Hegeman

Sending Music

Dialogue sur les mixtures
Mark DePasquale, guest organist

Jean Langlais

* Please rise, lift your head, lift your arms, or lift your spirit.

Scripture

Ephesians 3:1-13

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

3 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— 2 for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, 3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, 4 a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 5 In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: 6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7 Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. 8 Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, 9 and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; 10 so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. 13 I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

Notes of Interest

Ushers are Lin Ogden, Renee & Jed Schenck, Mark Steel, and Carrol Svedeen; Head Usher is Robert Slegers. **The Flowers are given** by Connie & John Thompson to celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- *For Gary, recovering from COVID;*
- *For my brother, Dave, in hospice, and sister-in-law, Kay in the Alzheimer unit;*
- *For Mickee, in failing health;*
- *For Sybil, recovering from a stroke, and for her husband, Bud, who is in memory care and may not understand her absence;*
- *For our men and women in the military.*

Contact Lisa Boswell at prayer@pinnaclepres.org or call 480.585.9448 to add your request to the Pinnacle prayer list.

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