

Park Presbyterian Church

August 23, 2020

"To dream of the person you wish to become
is to waste the person you are." Philip Gulley

Prelude

Eric Kochinowski

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Bob Goossen

Song of Praise 241 "Behold the Goodness of Our Lord" (vss 1 and 2)

Behold the goodness of our Lord, how blest it is to be
A company of God's beloved, in holy unity.
Like precious oil upon the head, a healing for our strife,
It flows throughout our common bond, refreshing all of life.

Prayer of Praise

Mary Ann Jones

Hymn: 460 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (vss 1, 2, & 4)

Call to Confession

Our words, our deeds, can build barriers between us and others, between us and God. Let us come to the One who loves us, and longs to forgive us. Join me as we confess our sins together, saying,

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We admit, Providing God, that we have difficulties living as your children. We could live in unity, but our words fracture relationships with family and friends. We have been shown the way to your kingdom, but turn into blind guides when asked for the directions by others. When we could offer others the precious oil of peace, we hand them the vinegar of despair and rejection.

Have mercy on us, Healing Heart, have mercy on us. When you call to us, may we listen with open ears, understand with embracing hearts, and share your grace with others, even as we have been graced by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept...

Assurance of Forgiveness (responsively)

God has provided hope for you, filling you with joy, with mercy, with peace.
As mercy leads to mercy, we will take these gifts to share with the world.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response "Gloria Patri"

Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Song of Illumination: 234 "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes" (vss 1 & 3)

I to the hills will lift my eyes; From whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord alone, Who heaven and earth has made.
Your faithful keeper is the Lord, Your shelter and your shade;
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, You shall not be afraid.

The Scripture Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15

Children's Chat

Special Music

Sermon: "Transformation Interrupts Transmission"

An Affirmation of Faith (unison)

We believe in God

whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death,

is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful

and full of doubt, in God we trust;
and in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful
so to be the church for the glory of God.

Hymn: 382 "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

An Invitation to Our Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

"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."

Hymn: 335 "Though I May Speak"

Charge & Benediction

Postlude