



First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown, PA

Service of the Lord's Day

September 6, 2020

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation

Great and good God, give us pure hearts that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you, hearts of love that we may serve you, hearts of faith that we may live in you, reverent hearts that we may worship you, here and in the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** *(Dag Hammarskjöld)*

Prelude How Great Thou Art arr. Curry

*Gathering Words

One: The world belongs to God,

All: the earth and all its people.

One: How good it is, how wonderful

All: to live together in unity.

One: Love and faith come together;

All: justice and peace join hands.

One: If Christ's disciples keep silent;

All: these stones would shout aloud.

One: Open our lips, O God,

All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise (from The Iona Community)

***Hymn The Church's One Foundation** (verses 1-2)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,

Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. (silent confession) In your mercy, **forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

L: Jesus says, "Behold, I am making all things new."

***Response**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Time With Children

Anthem Consecration arr. Courtney soloist, Alec Dorris

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23:1-3a
Deuteronomy 2:7
John 6:1-11

Sermon Everything I Need: The Shepherd Provides Rev. W. Carter Lester, Jr.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

(Psalm 23)

Offering of Our Gifts and Our Prayers

...The Lord be with you.
And also with you...

**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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever, Amen.**

***Hymn My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days,
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

***Blessing**

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary Goodwin