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May 26, 2019  
*Season of Epiphany*

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

Our offertory anthem today is the beloved African American Spiritual, "Guide My Feet." While Avis Graves offers an updated arrangement, this classic has been around for generations and is included in *The African American Heritage Hymnal*.

"Guide My Feet" is a prayer of supplication meant to inspire Christians to find strength in the Lord for the race He has set before us. The arrangement of this song begins quietly then develops into a rhythm that assures listeners that the prayer for strength and guidance has been fully granted in Christ.

The beautiful reminder in this hymn is that prayer does not require complexity; it merely requires faith in the One who is mighty to save!

*"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own.*

*But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind  
and straining forward to what lies ahead,*

*I press on toward the goal for the prize  
of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 3:13-15

*"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering,  
and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

*Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day,  
and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."*

II Timothy 4:6-8

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: Fantasy on "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" . . . William Harris  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" . . arr. Paul Roberts

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Dan Burns

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" . . . . . DUKE STREET

*Words: Samuel Medley / Music: John Hatton / Job 19:25*

1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com-fort  
2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3. He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to  
4. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; he lives and  
5. He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives my

this as - sur - ance gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry  
loves me to the end; he lives, and while he  
Sav - ior, still the same; what com - fort this as -

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.  
 lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King!  
 sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

✦ INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦ STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 11 . . . . Betty Eubank (8:15)  
 Blanche Tosh (11:00)

What is God's providence?

**God's providence is His completely holy,  
 wise, and powerful preserving and governing  
 every creature and every action.**

*This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" . . . . Ludwig van Beethoven  
*Words: Christopher Woodsworth / Music: Ludwig van Beethoven / I Corinthians 15:20*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
 Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;  
 Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.**

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Guide My Feet" . . . African American Spiritual; arr. Avis Graves

*Words and Music: African American Spiritual; arr. Graves / Psalm 48:14*

Guide my feet while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.  
 Hold my hand while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

*Lord, guide my feet, direct my path, and keep my way.  
 Can't make a step without You. I don't want to run this race in vain.*

Be my friend while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

*Ephie Johnson, soloist  
 The Chancel Choir  
 Calvin Ellis, director*

✦ DOXOLOGY . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . Gerry Peak

✦ GREETINGS

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Please stand*)

♣HYMN OF PREPARATION: "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" . . . THE PROMISED LAND

Words: Samuel Stennett / Music: Christopher Miner; arr. Allen Tuten / Revelation 21:23

1. On Jor-dan's storm-y banks I stand and cast a wish-ful eye  
2. All o'er those wide-ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;  
3. No chill-ing winds nor pois-nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;  
4. When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?

to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land where my pos-ses-sions lie.  
there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way.  
sick-ness, sor-row, pain and death are felt and feared no more.  
When shall I see my Fa-ther's face and in his bo-som rest?

Refrain

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom-ised land,

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the prom-ised land.

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Isaiah 12:1-6  
(pages 576 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON

*We Have a Song to Sing*

Brandon Terry

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time and pass by the elements. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members. We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements. All communion wafers are gluten free.*

## ✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH . . . . . The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ✦GLORIA PATRI . . . . . GREATOR EX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,  
who by the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
has given eternal life to all who believe in Him  
and who has called us to live pure and joyful lives,  
we confess that we have failed to live as we ought.  
We have forgotten Your promises  
and have ignored Your commandments.  
We are profoundly sorry and earnestly repent.  
Please forgive us and revive our hearts  
that we might, with steadfast affection,  
glorify You in thought, word, and deed,  
for the glory of our resurrected Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . Micah 7:18-19

*Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.  
He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot.  
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymn printed in bold below.*

“Jesus, I Come” ..... Greg Thompson

*Words: William Sleeper / Music: Greg Thompson / Isaiah 61:1*

**Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” ..... ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

*Words: Robert Campbell / Music: George Elvey / 1 Corinthians 5:7*

**At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side;  
Praise we Him whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Where the paschal blood is poured, death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” ..... BALM IN GILEAD

*Words and Music: African American Spiritual / Jeremiah 8:22*

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.**

**If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, “He died for all.”**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♠HYMN OF RESPONSE..... ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Words: Robert Campbell / Music: George Elvey / I Corinthians 5:7*

**Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie;  
Death is conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light;  
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to Thee we raise;  
Holy Father, praise to Thee, with the Spirit, ever be.**

♠BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "The People Respond - Amen!" ..... Dan Locklair

♠*Indicates congregation standing*

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*Instrumentalists: Paul Roberts, Hammond organ; Steve Hancock, electric bass; Clay Hancock, violin; Stewart Plumlee, drums*