

# ***First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA***

Morning Worship—August 23, 2020

## **DRAWN IN TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S GRACE**

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship. \*\*\*Please note: There will be no congregational singing at this time.\*\*\*

**Worship Participants:** Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart, Heather Perryman, Ray Beale, Tom Barrett, Randy Brooks and Brenna Takata

### **WELCOME & INVOCATION:**

Lord God,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
we gather together in Your name.

We come as living sacrifices,  
to offer You our worship and thanksgiving,  
our praise and our prayers.

Come among us, living Lord.  
Through the power of Your Holy Spirit,  
transform our hearts and minds  
so that we may recognize Your presence,  
hear Your voice,  
know Your will,  
and walk in Your way.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Saviour.  
Amen.

### **PRELUDE**

*“Toccata Giocosa”*

by Gilbert M. Martin

### **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** Gracious God, forever seeking us

**People:** Open our minds to the truth of your care.

**Leader:** Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

**People:** Open our lips to share stories of faith.

**Leader:** Open our lives to do justice and show kindness.

**People:** Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

### **HYMN OF WELCOME**

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Merciful God, You call us to follow; to turn away from our own selfish interests, and to take up our cross and follow after You, even if the path is difficult to see, or is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves. Forgive us for being so quick to question and so hesitant to follow. Help us to see with the eyes of faith, rather than from our own human point of view. Teach us to follow without fear, knowing that You are always with us, leading the way. Amen.

(Silent prayer)

Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

"Holy God, your steadfast love never ceases. We thank you that your mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness."

**We are forgiven and free.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Please stand as you are able

**DRAWN TOGETHER TO EMBODY GOD'S GRACE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MUSIC MEDITATION**

*"Come Sunday"*

by Duke Ellington

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Tom Barrett

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

Holy God, your truth and our hope, your love for us and our response, are all so difficult to understand. They are such good news; and so mysterious, it is hard for us to understand. Be with us today and open our hearts, so that we might catch a glimpse of your truth. Speak to each of us today through your word. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 16:13-20

**SERMON:**

#We Are the Church – Courageous Testimony

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

**HYMN OF PROMISE**

*"I Love To Tell the Story"*

**DRAWN FORTH TO EXTEND GOD'S GRACE**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*\* POSTLUDE –**

*"Blessing and Honor"*

by Carl Simone

**Please remain seated for the final offering of worship**

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** by Edward Mote and William Bradbury (1864)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

His oath, his covenant, his blood, supports me in the 'whelming flood

When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, o may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before His throne.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand,

All other ground is sinking sand.

**Come Sunday** by Duke Ellington (1942)

Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty,

God of love, Please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.

I don't mind the gray skies

'cause they're just clouds passing by.

Heaven is a goodness time. A brighter light on high.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

And have a brighter by and by.

I believe God is now, was then and always will be.

With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.

**I Love to Tell the Story** - by Arabella Kate Hankey (1866) and William G. Fischer (1869)

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
2. I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
3. To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.
4. I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams;  
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me,  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.
5. I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat,  
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet;  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
6. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.