

First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA

Morning Worship—September 27, 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,

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Bernadine Hayes

PRELUDE

“Voluntary”

by John Travers

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Listening” as part of creativity is about perceiving. We open our senses to see what is emerging. Perhaps what we start doesn’t end up looking like what we thought it would. Instead, once the act of creating begins, we listen to how the Spirit is guiding our next steps and unfolding possibilities we were previously unaware of. Without paying attention in this way, we act as if we have all the answers. And when we are up against something that doesn’t go our way, we see it as a negative. But what if those moments are simply Co-Creator God inviting us to see new ways of moving forward in our lives?

In the world of the driven
Let us be drawn in
Let your love be a given
Let us be drawn in
To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem
For the sake of the livin’
Let us be drawn in

Leader: Let us pray together:

**Co-Creating God,
you sometimes present us with different plans.
Open us to the idea that you might have something in store for us
that we have not previously been able to imagine.
Draw us into your surprises.
Give us the courage to get out of our own mold.
Amen.**

HYMN

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

GTG #451

What gets us “stuck” in the creative process?

Creativity expert Adriana Diaz said, ““Creativity is a combination of making something happen and letting something happen...”

Sometimes we get stuck because we are working too hard to *make* something happen when what we also need to do is *let* something unfold—to perceive that which is yearning to come to the surface if we will just let it.

Hear the Good News!

God is the one who sets the boundaries of what is possible and those boundaries are not fixed, but defined by ever-new possibilities of growth. Part of the creative process is to let go and let God show us what is bubbling to the surface of our lives.

***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

“Here I Am, Lord”

arr. Mark Hayes

“MAKE BELIEF” MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG OF HEART

Heather Perryman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON:

#Drawn In – The Art of Listening”

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

HYMN OF PROMISE

“Listen With Your Heart”

Brad Nix

DRAWN FORTH TO EXTEND GOD’S GRACE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**** POSTLUDE –**

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Don Wyrzten

Please remain seated for the final offering of worship

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of
Carolyn Baker and Mary Ann Shelton by Ava and Tom Barrett.*

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me; Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear; and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Listen With Your Heart by Roger Thornhill/Brad Nix

Listen with your heart, God is speaking. Listen with your heart to the music of His word. In the quiet of this place, there is mercy, there is grace. Listen with your heart.

Listen with your heart, God is speaking, listen with your heart, He is calling us to faith. In the silence of this time, hear the voice of the Divine. Listen with your heart.

Lord, speak to our hearts as we worship, as we pray. Speak to our hearts, we will listen and obey. Silence the noise that keeps us from You, for only Your voice, Lord, is holy and true. You alone are holy and true.

Listen with your heart, God is speaking. Listen with your heart, He is teaching us again, in a whisper, soft and still, our true purpose is revealed. Listen with your heart.