

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

**Morning Worship—October 11, 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, Kent Shelton, Jeanne Nostrandt and David Clark

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

*“Lobe den Herren, o meine Seeley”*

by Max Drischner

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Something grossly overlooked in the creative process is the place of effortlessness and play. In the story of creation, God rested. And this was very “good” as well! Staying too focused on deadlines and how every moment can be “productive” robs us of an important feature of what it means to be humans made in the image of God: rhythm. Pushing through is non-sustainable, and creativity suffers if we constantly labor. Celebration is necessary along the journey. God’s creativity is ongoing, so while the story said God was “finished” and then rested, really it was simply a pause to reflect, to observe, and to celebrate, and then God continued God’s creative work among us and with us.

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:

**Active and Restful God,  
your heart is our heart, your rhythm is our rhythm.  
Open us to the place of rest and celebration in the rhythm of our lives.  
Draw us into delight.  
Give us the courage to breathe deeply.  
Amen.**

#### **HYMN**

*“O Day of Rest and Gladness”*

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Why can't we seem to keep up our creativity? Why do we get so burned out?

Researcher and author, Brené Brown says,

"It takes courage to say yes to rest and play in a culture where exhaustion is seen as a status symbol."

Sometimes hidden or not-so-hidden expectations, even and especially the ones we put on ourselves, drown out our own gut feeling that it is time to take a break.

Hear the Good News!

God's love does not depend on your productivity. And your energy for the work of helping to serve the needs of the world is fed when you dare to give yourself what you need as well. You are beloved. Rest and celebrate.

**\*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**

*"Rain Down"*

arr. by Mark Hayes

**"MAKE BELIEF" MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG OF HEART**

Kent Shelton

**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**

*Exodus 20:8–11*

**SERMON:**

#Drawn In – Resting in God's Faithfulness"

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

**HYMN OF PROMISE**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*\* POSTLUDE –**

*"Allegro"*

by Domenico Scarlatti

Please remain seated for the final offering of worship

*Today, the flowers are given in celebration of the marriage of*

*Mr. & Mrs. Christopher T. Moore. The beautiful brass urns are given to the glory of God,  
to First Presbyterian Church, by Rebecca and Chris.*

*The pink rosebud is placed in the sanctuary this morning in praise and thanksgiving  
to God for the birth of Molly Meadema Hill, daughter of Lucy and Chris Hill  
and granddaughter of Becky and Sam Meadema.*

## O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness, oh day of joy and light, oh balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright; on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune, sing " holy, holy, holy " to the great God triune.

On you, at Earth's creation the light first had its birth; On you, for our salvation Christ rose from depth of Earth; On you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven. And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting, The Holy Scripture hear, Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest, we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blessed.

## Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, oh God my father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever will be.

Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!