



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
October 10, 2021
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Hymn 171)

arr. Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you not known?

Our God is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.

Have you not heard?

God does not tire or grow weary.

Have you not heard?

God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Have you not known?

Those who wait for God will renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

We come to hear and proclaim that we know. Thanks be to God.

*HYMN No. 411

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come!

The Spirit's call obey;

Show forth the glory of your God,

Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!

Fling wide the prison door;

Proclaim the captives' liberty,

Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we hear your invitation to be whole and healthy. But we must admit we've been:
Too busy to pray;
Too frazzled to stop and listen for your voice;
Too afraid to let go of what is familiar;
Too proud to ask for help;
Too filled with doubt to try again;
Too self-absorbed to express compassion;
Too tired to seek justice;
Too burdened to trust in your love.
With our spirits weighed down, we ask for forgiveness for what we have done, and what we have left undone. Lift us up and set us free with your mercy and grace.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our good news is this: The steadfast love of God never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness. -Lamentations 3:22-23

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

SERMON

ReNewed in Community

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

ANTHEM

Before You I Kneel (A Worker's Prayer)

arr. Mary McDonald

Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker,
To offer the work of my hands.
For this is the day You've given Your servant;
I will rejoice and be glad
For the strength I have to live and breathe,
For each skill Your grace has given me,
For the needs and opportunities
That will glorify Your great name, Your name,
That will glorify Your great name.

Before You I kneel, and ask for Your goodness
To cover the work of my hands.
For patience and peace to shape all my labor,
Your grace for thorns in my path.
Flow within me like a living stream,
Wear away the stones of pride and greed,
'Til Your ways are dwelling deep in me
And a harvest of life is grown,
And a harvest of life is grown.

Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker;
Establish the work of our hands.
And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom
In every small and great task.
May we live the gospel of Your grace,
Serve Your purpose in our fleeting days.
Then our lives will bring eternal praise,
And all glory to Your great name,
And all glory to Your great name!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR GIVING

The Psalms urge us to give thanks to God at all times, for everything God has provided. In gratitude, we offer to God a portion of what God has given to us. Please leave your offering in the plate in the back of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*HYMN No. 210, V. 1,2,5

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

Do what you have learned and received and seen and heard in Christ, and the peace of God will be with you. And may that peace, which passes all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

POSTLUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Callahan

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Elizabeth Campbell, choir director

Gloria Snyder, organ and piano

Linda Martin, liturgist

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Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.