



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
16 August 2020 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Ministry Moment

Steadfast Neighbor Service Week Report

Dr. Todd Knox

Voluntary

Concerto in F: Allegro

George Frederick Handel

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon us.

God has forgiven us and drawn us close.

God is reconciling us through Jesus Christ and showing mercy to us.

With glad and grateful hearts, let us praise the Lord.

Psalm 133, Romans 11:29-32

***Hymn 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-shape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we gratefully acknowledge that you have not dealt with us according to what we deserve, but according to your mercy. Yet we have forgotten your great mercy to us and have taken for granted your many blessings. By that same mercy, forgive our ingratitude, and extend again your kindness toward us. Fill us with your Spirit, so that in all our words and actions we may glorify you, sharing the goodness with the world around us, to the glory and honor of Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response**

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

***Declaration of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response of Praise**

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; God has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty. And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.'" Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Music O Rest in the Lord Felix Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart's desires. Commit thy way unto him, and trust in him, and fret not thyself because of evil doers. O rest in the Lord.

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 15:10-20

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Sermon Truth Seekers Rev. Christian K. Choi

Text: So it was not you who sent me here, but God; God has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Genesis 45:8

Music Consecration John Ness Beck

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in endless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice, and let it sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be, I will be ever, only all for thee.

The Church at Prayer

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.

Introduction to the Offering

***Offertory Response** Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication** Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine and more blessings than we deserve. Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you, and your blessings which abound to embrace all those in need. Amen.

***Hymn 451** Open My Eyes, That I May See Open My Eyes

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 m 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 diving!

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood Fred Rogers
March from the "Occasional Oratorio" George Frederick Handel

(Photo highlights of Steadfast Neighbor Service Week will be shown during the Voluntary.)

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Diane Dietz, Soprano, Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Bob Fox, Videographer, Elsie Fox, Director
Bud Green, Gregg Humphrey, Nancy Huston, Ushers
Mary Ray, Safety Team