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Order of Worship April 21, 2024

PRELUDE

LowerTown Project

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Pastor Darin

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 40:28-31

Rev. Dr. Hoogendorn

One: Have you not known?

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

Have you not heard?

God does not faint or grow weary.

Have you not known?

God's understanding is unsearchable.

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.

We come to know.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Hoogendorn

*HYMN

This is My Father's World

No. 370

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mary Jost

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Jost

Merciful God, we want to confess the sin of others. We know others are shaped by pride and prejudice. We know that others struggle with gossip and the gifts of the Spirit. We know others are shaped by achievement and self-adoration. We confess our own sin, Holy One. We know our trespasses are always before us and the mirrors of our lives expose our own sin. Grant us your mercy and forgive us.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Mary Jost

In Jesus Christ we have been forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

No. 188

*PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Hoogendorn

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

LowerTown Project

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Jost

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1-7

Mary Jost

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ² This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. ³ The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said: ⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“When Necessary, Use Words”

Rev. Dr. Hoogendorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, adapted

Pastor Darin

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*HYMN

O for a World

No. 372

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Mary Jost

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Mary Jost

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Darin

*HYMN

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

No. 69

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today (April 21)

Mary Jost(Worship Leader), David Morreim & Duane Scherbing(Ushers), Betty Payne(Greeter), Jullian Euteneur,LowerTown Project(Music), Jay Espelien,Patty Scott, John Scott(Audio/Video), Lori Smith, Leah Jacobs(Nursery), Tami Calhoun(Equal Exchange Products).

“Breaking Bread” Community Meal and the “Neighborhood Clean Up!”

G.I.F.T.(Generations In Faith Together) Event

Please join us for a potluck celebration followed by the “Neighborhood Clean-Up”. All ages and everyone welcome! Clean-up equipment will be provided.

Save the Date

LowerTown Project invites you to join them for a concert to benefit Boys and Girls Club as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. When: May 4th Time: 5-8pm (concert at 6pm)Where: 1st Presbyterian Church parking lot (weather permitting) otherwise we'll move into the church sanctuary. Plans are in the works for food trucks and possible other activities. Bring your own lawn chair. Please check out the LowerTown FB page to meet the band members.

Do you like to read?

We are in the process of updating the library and have many books up for grabs. Visit the East Narthex during the month of April and take what you want. Happy Reading!

Plant Sale

The Children, Youth and Family Committee will be selling Pattison Farms certificates in the church entry way. Each purchase benefits our church youth in being able to attend Clearwater Forest Camp each summer.

With much gratitude

Thank you to everyone who helped with our spring clean-up on the grounds of the church. Taking time out of your day to help is truly appreciated.

Calendar

Mon., April 22

7:00 pm —N.A. Group

Tues., April 23

9:00 am —Men’s Bible Study

5:30 pm —Lowertown

Wed., April 24

9:15 am —Women’s Bible Study

2:00 pm —Online Prayer Group

6:00 pm —Chancel Choir

7:00pm —Chancel Bell Choir

Thurs., April 25

3:00 pm —Men’s Quintet

Fri., April 26

7:00 am —Men's Bible Study

Sun., April 28

9:00 am — Childrens Bells

10:00 am —Worship