THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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Our Mission: Shining God's light by ... Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.

> Sunday, June 9, 2024 9:30 AM Third Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

"Family life took its clues from the character and the calling of the church, not vice versa. For Christians, the community of faith is the primary family in which we find our true brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers."

Rev. Dr. David Buttrick, Speaking Conflict

PRELUDE "It is Well" Craig Phillips

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

On the day we called, God answered us.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN NO. 410

"God Is Calling through the Whisper"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

HYMN NO. 583 "Glory to God"

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Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

*WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN'S PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen"

Loonis McGlohan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Page 170, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC
GOSPEL LESSON

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Mark 3:20-21, 31-35

John Ness Beck

Page 35, NT

SERMON

"Welcome to a New Kind of Family"

Rev. Chris Houtz

*HYMN NO. 370

"This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

BAPTISM

CONGREGATION RESPONSES

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

One Lord, one Faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Glen Lamb by word and deed, with love and prayer?

We do.

Will you encourage him to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

We will.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, you have become members of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ.

Alleluia! Amen!

Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end by saying, "Come, come Holy Spirit, hear our 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.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND OFFERING

RESPONSE TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

praise Him above, ve heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God, your son Jesus teaches us that a house divided cannot stand. Together, we offer ourselves and our gifts, that they may be used to extend your grace to others for your glory, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CVM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

Iona Community

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord"

Craig Phillips

* Please rise in body or in spirit



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God...... In honor of Jack and Lynne Stoddard's 60th wedding anniversary on June 6th, with love from the Tannler and Malcolm families.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Chris Houtz, Pastor, Head of Staff
Scott Ziegler, Organ and Piano
Alan Smulen, Conductor
FPC Chancel Choir
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer
Dennis Velez, Assistant AV Engineer
Matthew Califf & Michael Sperrazza, AV Team

- We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!
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