

Order of Worship | August 14, 2022

10 AM

Worship Leader: Mike Creamer and Rev. Emily I. Miller



Sewickley Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Prelude in Db Major Opus 28 No. 15 'Raindrop'

Welcome & Announcements

Mike Creamer

Minute for Mission

Women's Retreat

Jenny Valente

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:1-2,7

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Many: Therefore we will not fear.

One: Though the earth should change and the mountains shake...

Many: The Lord of hosts is with us!

One: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Many: Let us worship the Living God!

Opening Hymn #187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Susie Wardrop

Gracious God, we confess that we are indecisive in our commitment to your kingdom we continue to define ourselves by what we have rather than what we give. We long to put our lives in your hands but are afraid to give up the illusion of control. Have mercy on us, O God. Comfort us with the joy that comes not from clinging to the things of this world, but from opening our hearts and hands to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.
Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Confession Response

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Emily I. Miller

Ainsley Marie Grim
Daughter of Amy and David Grim

Words of Gathering

Words of Presentation

Questions to Parents

Question to the Congregation

Do you, members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to invite Ainsley into our church, to guide and nurture her, by word and deed, with love and prayer, and to encourage her to know Christ and be a faithful member of His church?

Please answer, "We do."

Congregation: We do.

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregational Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise – Hymn #486, stanza 1

Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.

Prayer

The Baptism

Charge and Welcome

Children's Sermon

VBS Video

Anthem

The Lord Will Not Be Ever Wroth from Jephtha
Xui-Ru Liu, mezzo-soprano

The Lord will not be ever wroth, but with mercy unending, again will spare us!
The Lord will not be ever wroth. If ye will seek Him with all your hearts, then shall ye surely find Him.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:17-26

One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, "Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are

forgiven you,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —he said to the one who was paralyzed—"I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home." Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen strange things today."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faithful Vandalism

Mike Creamer

Sermon Hymn #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts of love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Offering & Offertory

My Lord, What a Mornin'

Chancel Choir

My Lord, what a mornin' my Lord, what a mornin'
Oh, my Lord what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall.

Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.
Oh! My Lord what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Closing Hymn #546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,
Let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

Benediction

Postlude

Untitled Hymn

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of
Marjorie B. Olson, David W. Olson, W.S. Brown III
by Beth Brown.*

Worship Participants

Mike Creamer

Rev. Emily I. Miller

Susie Wardrop: liturgist

Robert Manuel – organ and piano

Soloist:

Raymond Blackwell, Xiu-Ru Liu,

Anna Singer, Rosie MacKenzie Wyche,

and Paul Yeater

Ushers:

Don Birnie, Bill Shadle,

Jane Shadle, and Rosie MacKenzie Wyche

Tech Crew:

Dave Breit, Rici Brockinson,

Kate Caldwell, and Stephanie Smith

Credits

Prelude in Db Major Opus 28 No. 15 'Raindrop', *F. Chopin*

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us, *Bradbury*

Gloria Patri, *Gloria Patri*

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise, *Kingdom*

The Lord Will Not Be Ever Wroth from Jephtha, *C. Rheinthal*

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky, *Here I Am*

My Lord, What a Mornin, *Harry T. Burleigh*

Doxology, *Old Hundredth*

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing, *Sicilian Mariners*

Untitled Hymn, *Chris Rice*

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE?

Thank you for visiting our church this morning. We'd love to reach out to you. Let us know you were here by putting your name and contact information in one of the pew pads. We welcome you to visit our website to learn more about ways you can take part in groups, classes, and events. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Sharon Barber (sbarber@sewickleypresby.org/412.741.4550).

Visit our website for complete details on events and groups that meet during the week.

www.sewickleypresby.org

PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers for Presence and Healing | Neill Barker, Beth Kindelberger (daughter of Cathie and Tom Johnson), Jim Morrisey, and Velma Saire.

**Please find a full list of Prayer Needs below.*

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday | 9 AM - 4 PM
414 Grant Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 | 412.741.4550



PRAYER LIST

As of August 11, 2022

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers.
If you would like to be added to the list,
please visit our website for an online form,
or contact the church office.

Prayers for Presence and Healing

Neill Barker
Beth Kindelberger (daughter of Cathie and Tom Johnson)
Jim Morrissey
Velma Saire

Continue to Pray for

Wyatt Bartley (grandson of Fred & Terry Rose)
Stacy Bates (sister of Terry Rose)
Mathilda Benson (mother of Lewis Benson)
Jim Craig (son of Susan and George Craig)
June Davie (mother of Laura Mikush)
Emma Jean Dobbins (mother of Craig Dobbins)
Emily Ericson (niece of Ann Walker)
Suzie Gilliland
Beverly Harris
Jill Henke (cousin of Don Birnie)
Laurel Hutchins (mother of Bruce McAdams)
Ray Mazza (grandfather-in-law of Austin Braksick)
Corinne Meanor (member of Amigos)
Jason Merriman (son-in-law of Chris Standish)
Nate Moore (Edgeworth neighbor)
Cindy Mosholder (daughter of Virginia Picard)

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Morna Murray
Kathryn Nicol (mother of Susan Dobbins)
Kim Petro (mother of Jaimie Petro)
Anne Rockwell (sister-in-law of Liz Fecko)
Karen Safran
Ann Shelton
Sheena Smith (daughter of Terry Rose)
Skooter Van Kirk (son of Jane Van Kirk)
Mary Wear
Brenda Wiley (mother of Brittan Curigliano)
Barb Wingert
Tony Zidansek

Continued Prayers for the Bereaved

Ray Blackwell
Bobbi Bonnett
Childs Family
Cummins Family
Edson Family
Gordon Family
Hayden Family
Howes Family
Kopf Family
McCargo Family
Anna Singer
Stevens Family
Szuba Family
Kelly Stover

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