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 11, 2023 9:30 am Second Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTION

Are you facing fear today? Perhaps you are afraid of losing your job, of developing cancer or being left by your spouse. At times all of us experience fear. But don't allow fear to keep you from being used by God. He has kept you thus far; trust Him for the rest of the way.
Woodrow Kroll

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" Hal Hopson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 33:1-5)
Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved;
Sing to God a new song!
For the word of the Lord is upright,
And all God's work is done in faithfulness.
Our God loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, You tell us to put our trust in You when we are afraid or hopeless. Yet, we confess that we often fail to even ask for Your divine intervention or protection. Forgive us, Lord, for not inviting You into our concerns. We acknowledge that You are indeed our fortress and our shield. We run to You now and we put our trust in You, our loving Creator. Secure us in Your love for us; protect us from enemy arrows. Give us rest from worry, and revive us, mind, body and soul, so we may praise You fully. We ask this humbly in Jesus 'holy Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Psalmist sings "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love... as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Through faith in Jesus, the steadfast love and mercy are shared with us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GLORY TO GOD

- 1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
- 2. World without end, without end. Amen.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MINUTE FOR MISSION - FACING RACISM TASK FORCE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Holy, Holy, Holy" Jay Rouse

SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE Mark 5:1-2 John 11:1-3

Matthew 8:23-24 Luke 9:43-45 John 20:11-13

"Don't Be Afraid"

Readers: Donna McGinley and Rich Hauser

*HYMN NO. 840

"When Peace Like a River"

VILLE DU HAVRE

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, its is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well, with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

3. He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

4. Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

INVITATION TO GIVING

- 1. The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!

 The Lord, the great I am, by earth and heaven confessed, we bow before your holy name, forever blest.
- 2. Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will. In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.
- 3. Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest, a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.

 There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
- 4. You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name: the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Hal. H. Hopson

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* Please rise in body or spirit

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
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