

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, July 7, 2024
9:30 AM
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

REFLECTION

"No one, neither the Christ nor his followers, can ram the gospel down anyone's throat...If they refuse to entrust themselves to the good news, delivered by unlikely agents, then Jesus can do little but marvel at their faithlessness."

Rev. Dr. C. Clifton Black, "Working Preacher"

PRELUDE

"Beautiful Savior"

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is mighty in word and deed.

God's mercy is everlasting.

Blessed be the one holy and living God.

Glory to God forever.

*HYMN NO. 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CVM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call. By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe this good news: Jesus, the Christ, son of Mary, Son of the Most High God, was broken and poured out for our salvation.

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE AFTER ASSURANCE

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

*WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord and Savior 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Project Oasis Back to School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Page 174, NT

SPECIAL MUSIC

"My Lord What a Morning"

arr. Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:1-13

Page 38, NT

SERMON

"Failures or Lessons"

Rev. Chris Houtz

*HYMN NO. 793

"O Christ, the Healer"

ERHALT UNS, HERR

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end by saying, "Loving God, **have mercy on us.**"

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, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Divine Giver, all that we have is a gift from you, and your grace is our sufficiency. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may increase your blessing to others, through the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are all who find refuge in God!

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS NO. 559

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Haugen

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION NO. 560 *“Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”*

Haugen

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

AMEN NO. 561

“Amen”

Haugen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“There is A Blam in Gilead”

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another. Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until Christ comes again. Amen.

SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 835

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

CLOSER WALK

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Paul Manz

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Chris Houtz, Pastor, Head of Staff
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music
Mackenzie Conaway, Cantor
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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