FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VIRTUAL WORSHIP ~ AUGUST 30, 2020

Call to Worship ~ Reverend Becky Albright

For Everyone Born ~ Brian Mann ~ played by Lily Cooper

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain) For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live, (Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

Children's Sermon ~ Dr. Patrick Perryman

Beautiful Things ~ Gungor ~ arranged and presented by Vic Varner, Guitar; Holland Perryman, Vocalist; John Heim, Percussion; and Allannah Irwin, Cello

Epistle Lesson ~ Romans 12:9-21

Sermon ~ Kyrios-Kairos-Curious ~ Dr. Perryman

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer ~ Rev. Albright

Help Us Accept Each Other ~ Doreen Potter ~ played by Lily Cooper

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

Benediction

For the Beauty of the Earth ~ Henry J. Markworth ~ played by Lily Cooper

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)