

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VIRTUAL WORSHIP ~ SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Call to Worship ~ Reverend Becky Albright

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven ~ John Goss/Henry Lyte ~ played by Lily Cooper

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
All within me, praise God's name!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the high eternal one.

Angels, teach us adoration,
you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Children's Sermon ~ Dr. Patrick Perryman

Epistle Lesson – Romans 14:1-12 ~ Lee Cope

Pues Si Vivimos/When We Are Living – arranged by Vic Varner and presented by Vic Varner, Guitar; John Heim, Percussion; and Patrick Perryman, Vocalist

Pues si vivimos para Él vivimos
y si morimos para fil morimos.
Sea que vivamos o que muramos,
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

En la tristeza y en el dolor,
en la belleza y en el amor,
sea que suframos o que gocemos
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Psalter Lesson ~ Psalm 103 ~ Elaine Diaz

Sermon ~ Am I In the Place of God? ~ Dr. Perryman

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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ~ William Frederick Faver/Julius Rontgen ~ played by Lily Cooper

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord

Benediction

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah ~ John Hughes/Harry Emerson Fosdick ~ played by Lily Cooper

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.