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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

February 7, 2021

Prelude

“Psalm XVIII”

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

“I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength”

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

God has invited us to come.

So we gather.

God has spoken to the world.

So we listen.

God has given us glimpses of grace and mercy.

So we wait and watch, longing for healing, eager for hope.

God has been faithful to all generations.

So we trust. And so we worship God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Prayer of Invocation

*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

See Insert

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Holy One, along with our praise, we offer you our confession. At times we forget what we once knew of your love. Consumed by worry, we forget to trust you. Although we know you made us for a purpose, we choose our own ways. Discouragement seeps into our hearts in the cold of winter and we do not serve you with eagerness. We fail to speak out against injustice in our community. Forgive us. Renew our energy for your purposes. Raise us up on wings of faith. May we walk by your light and not grow weary. May we run and not faint. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon (*Responsive*) (Source- *Presbyterian Church in Canada*)

Dear friends, while it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say: In Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

Amen!

Anthem "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" ~ *arr. Jan Schmidt*
~ *African -American Spiritual*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Mark 1:29-39 (*Common English Bible*)

29 After leaving the synagogue, Jesus, James, and John went home with Simon and Andrew. **30** Simon's mother-in-law was in bed, sick with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. **31** He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she served them. **32** That evening, at sunset, people brought to Jesus those who were sick or demon-possessed. **33** The whole town gathered near the door. **34** He healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases, and he threw out many demons. But he didn't let the demons speak, because they recognized him. **35** Early in the morning, well before sunrise, Jesus rose and went to a deserted place where he could be alone in prayer. **36** Simon and those with him tracked him down. **37** When they found him, they told him, "Everyone's looking for you!" **38** He replied, "Let's head in the other direction, to the nearby villages, so that I can preach there too. That's why I've come." **39** He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and throwing out demons.

Sermon "Sing the Wondrous Story" ~ *Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer and 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.

*The Apostles' Creed

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.

*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.

*Closing Hymn

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"Fugue in G minor"

~ *J.S. Bach*

Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold: Congregation Speaks*

***Today ~ Session Meeting following morning worship service
Sunday, February 14th ~ Communion during morning worship service***

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 40:21-31 and Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Daily Readings for February 7 – 13 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

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Prayer List Additions as of 1/31/2021

Jim and Nancy Bell, Julia Bender, Penny Bender, Michael Brawley (Sheron Bender), Jeff Byrd (Frank T. Bender), Cheryl and Mike Coeyman, Family of Kelli Furry (Rebecca Long), Fran Galante (Eileen Griswold), Bob and Gera Howe, Family of Clara Nelson (Ron and Mary Pound), Brenda Scott Family (Ron and Mary Pound), Billy and Jane Sobotor and Walter Byrd.

Please keep in your prayers those struggling to cope due to this pandemic.

Please pray for the schools - Remember the administration, teachers, students and parents during this difficult time.

Continue praying for all our brothers and sisters all over the world!

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

You are worthy...because you were slain, and with your blood
you purchased men for God. Revelation 5:9

1. I will sing the won-drous sto-ry Of the Christ who died for me-
2. I was lost, but Je-sus found me, Found the sheep that went a-stray,
3. I was bruised, but Je-sus healed me; Faint was I from many a fall.
4. Days of dark-ness still come o'er me; Sor-row's paths I of-ten tread.
5. He will keep me till the riv-er Rolls its wa-ters at my feet;

How He left His home in glo-ry For the cross of Cal-va-ry.
Threw His lov-ing arms a-round me, Drew me back in-to His way.
Sight was gone, and fears pos-sessed me, But He freed me from them all.
But the Sav-ior still is with me; By His hand I'm safe-ly led.
Then He'll bear me safe-ly o-ver, Where the loved ones I shall meet.

Refrain 3
Yes, I'll sing the won-drous sto-ry Of the
Yes, I'll sing the won-drous sto-ry

Christ who died for me- Sing it with the saints in
Of the Christ who died for me- Sing it with

glo-ry, Gath-ered by the crys-tal sea.
the saints in glo-ry, Gath-ered by the crys-tal sea, the crys-tal sea.

WORDS: Francis H. Rowley, 1886
MUSIC: Peter P. Bilhorn, 1886

WONDROUS STORY
8.7.8.7.D.

Alt. tune: HYFRYDOL, No. 109