



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

May 10, 2020

Mother's Day

REFLECTION

"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."
-Isaiah 66:13

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

Franklin D. Ashdown, 2007

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

People: Great is your name. Great is your love.

Leader: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for you.

People: Great is your name. Great is your love.

Leader: Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

People: Great is your name. Great is your love.

HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 30

O God in a Mysterious Way

Tune: DUNDEE

1 O God, in a mys - te - rious way great won - ders you per - form.
2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill,
3 O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take. The clouds you so much dread
4 Our un - be - lief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.

You plant your foot - steps in the sea and ride up - on the storm.
you trea - sure up your bright de - signs and work your sov - erign will.
are big with mer - cy and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
You are your own in - ter - pret - er, and you will make it plain.

PRAYER of CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty God, Spirit of purity and grace, whose salvation is never far from the contrite heart, hear our confession of sin and have mercy upon us. For our many refusals of your call; for all our forgotten vows; for the excuses we have fashioned to hide from ourselves our unfaithful lives; for our readiness to blame others; for our selfish luxuries amid the oppression and sorrows of life; for the pleadings of your spirit to which we have not harkened, have mercy upon us.

(time for silent confession)

SUNG RESPONSE, No 551

Tune: LAND OF REST

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
 mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
 Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am B^b C Dm
 (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God welcomes us, like a mother scooping up her lost children, like a father embracing his prodigal son. As we are welcomed home, we are encouraged to learn from that forgiveness, to offer it to ourselves and to others again and again as God offers it to us in Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the good news!!

People: Thanks be to God!

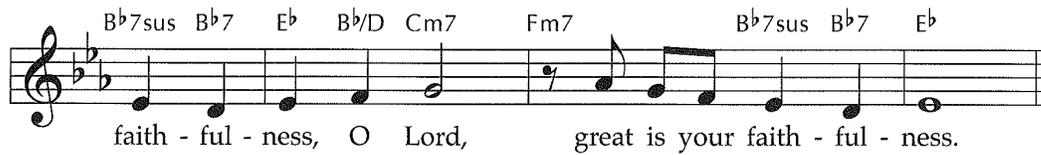
SUNG RESPONSE No 59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Tune: THE STEADFAST LOVE

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
 mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
 new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your

E^b E^b/G A^b B^b7sus B^b
 (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A7)
 E^b E^b/G A^b B^b7sus B^b7
 (G) (A) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)
 A^b B^b Gm7 Cm7 Fm7



PASSING OF THE PEACE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 123

A Song of Ascents.

To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

As the eyes of servants

look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maid

to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the LORD our God,

until he has mercy upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,

for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Our soul has had more than its fill

of the scorn of those who are at ease,

of the contempt of the proud.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 2:1-10

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

KNOW MERCY

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

HYMN OF RESPONSE No 435 THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

Tune: IN BABILONE

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the sixth system.

OFFERING*

The 23rd Psalm (dedicated to my mother)

Bobby McFerrin, 1990

DOXOLOGY

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God all crea-tures here be -
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven-ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May our hands extend a blessing to friends and strangers who hunger, or thirst, or shiver in the cold. May our presence comfort and inspire persons who are sick or in prison. May our witness to your gift of newness help to make it real to those who can only look backward. Help us all to face the future, trusting you, as we join you in wiping away tears and caring for the least and the lost. **Amen.**

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
 stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
 you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
 Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
 What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
 guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
 we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805–1847)

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