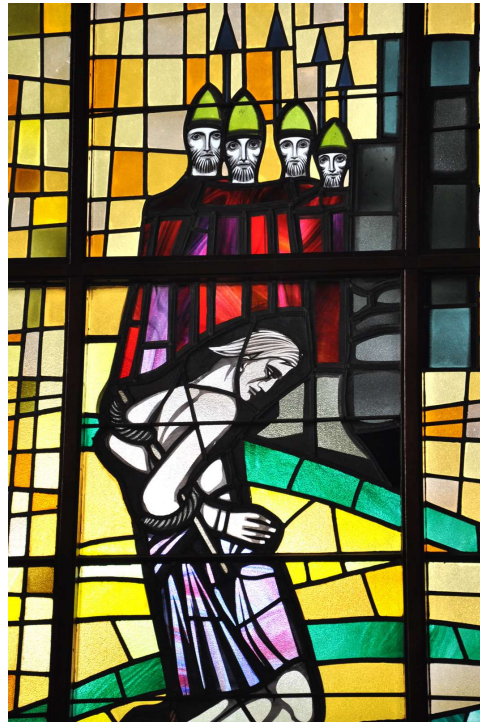


TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 9, 2024 | First Presbyterian Church, Petaluma CA



PRELUDE

Jenny Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in our homes)

Susan Pearce

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence,
not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world divides us,
Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned,
Come, Holy Spirit, make us a family.

When the world leads us astray,
Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come and fill this place.

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Reconciling God, everywhere we turn these days we see and hear the reminders of a world divided on so many issues. Social media is full of heated debates and angry words. During this time of worship, O God, help us remember that we are made in Your image. Guide our words towards civility and wisdom in discourse and discussion. Teach us as people of faith, to model love for our neighbors in all conversations, whether public or private. You have called us to be salt and light to our nation and to the world. Empower us to be peacemakers with our words. In silence now, prepare our hearts for worship.

***HYMN** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Susan Pearce

Let us confess our sins, for God has already forgiven us
and is calling us to return to Jesus.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed
to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful
to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go
our own way. Our broken relationships with you
and one another have created poverty in us and our
neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and
one another for the work of injustice, peace, and
love.**

Silence, a time for personal confession.

Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us: when
we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim: In Jesus
Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

DISCOVERY TIME

Pastor John

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** *(or in your preferred version)*

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.

GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

Susan Pearce

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Pastor John

*SONG

Oh, How Good It Is

Oh how good it is — When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit — In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace — Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence — Here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees — The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Oh how good it is — On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy — And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength — The Afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing — Of belonging. *(chorus)*

Oh how good it is — To embrace His command
To prefer one another — Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one — We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father — And the Spirit. *(chorus)*

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(or in your preferred version)*

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.

*CHARGE

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

From where we are
to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your reign,
Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,
Jesus, now lead on.

Surround us with your presence,
inspire us with your purpose,
confirm us in your love.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

***CLOSING SONG** *Go Now In Peace*

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.

Worship Leaders: Pastor John Chase, Susan Pearce, Music Director Jane Shelly,
Organist/Pianist Jenny Smith, Worship Ensemble

Credits

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