



First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro

July 26, 2020 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Music Director: Dr. Jean Gómez; Elder Assisting: Hap Tietjen
Pastor: Rev. Meg Jackson Clark

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hap Tietjen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God who is rich in mercy.

God gives us new life out of great love for us.

God shows us immeasurable riches of grace in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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.

PRAYER REFLECTION

Scripture

Ephesians 2:4-5

Steven Brown

Even when we were dead, Paul writes.

Even when we turned away from the One who had created us.

Even when we lived in the grip of what drew our gaze from God.

Even when we were oblivious.

Even when we followed a path fashioned of nothing but our own desires.

Even when we wandered far and willfully away.

Even when we forgot to look past our own feet and to see the wonders not of our making.

Even when we failed to stand in awe, to breathe thanks, to lean into the love that had waited long for us.

Even when, Paul writes.

Even when, even then:

Grace.

(by Jan Richardson)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Hap Tietjen

Scriptures

Psalm 103:1-8
Matthew 20:29-34

Brooke Manning-Hinds

Sung Response

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-7

Sermon

"Blessed Mercy"

OFFERING

You are invited to offer yourself and your resources in gratitude to God.

(You may mail in your monetary contributions to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 26, Greensboro, GA 30642.)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Concerto in G Major

O. Rieding

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of life, God of hope, God of all

Lift us on your love like eagle's wings

Sustain us... Guide us... Heal us... Lead us...

Teach us to be merciful as you are merciful, and to love as you love.

In Jesus' name we pray, using the prayer he taught us saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUNG BLESSING

Blest Are They

Blest are they, who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

BENEDICTION

Go into the world and do what the Lord requires, living with mercy and justice, walking your path humbly with God.

Then you will find yourselves blessed. Know that yours is the kingdom of heaven, yours the strength and mercy of God, yours all the blessings given to God's beloved children.

Alleluia! Amen!

Coming Up:

Worship and other activities continue online only. Session will re-evaluate at our August 18 meeting.

Sunday School each week at **9:30 a.m.** on Zoom. All invited!

Sunday July 26, 12 - 1 p.m. Virtual Lunch on Zoom; **1:30-2:30** Drive-Through for Jean

Sunday, August 2 Tom Coop will be our guest preacher. We welcome Tsai-Wei Li, who will serve as our Church Musician through October.

Continue Praying For:

Ann Corry

Bill Corry

Bill and Verley Dotson

Brooke Manning-Hinds

Bruce Porter

Chase Crawford

Chris Penna

Chuck Thorp

David Blough

Franklin Latimer Roberts

Harrison Marcus

Johnnie Satterfield

Juan Brown

Kenneth Pressley

Lori Howerton

Marcus Pinson

Marie Boswell

Marie Kent

Mike Webb

Family of Randy Quintrell

Richard Aiken

Sam Marshall

Susie Pressley

William Belger

Nation & World Leaders

Veterans & Military Members

Let us remember our church members and friends: As we offer intentional prayer, let us pray for:

Marie & Drew Boswell, Jesse Boswell