

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, June 21, 2020, 10:00am, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Judson

GATHERING MUSIC

"In the Garden"

Miles

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 8)

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

One: Amazing God, open Your ears and listen to me.

All: **For I am poor and struggling.**

One: Keep watch over my life.

All: **For I strive to be faithful.**

One: Be merciful to me, for You are my God.

All: **For great is Your love toward all who call upon You.**

Let us worship God.

†HYMN 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

EVERYDAY FAITH AT HOME

Cindy Merten

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and justice, forgive us when we desire mercy and not justice; when we desire that Your mercy be poured out upon us, even when we fail to demand justice for those who are oppressed. Help us to reach out to the least in our world, offering compassion, equity and understanding. Give us the courage to speak for those who have no voice. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†OUR RESPONSE 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

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.

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Turn to First Things, for more information on the life of this church.

Hymntune: ST. DENIO

This brief hymn of praise is an ancient text known as the Gloria Patri or "lesser doxology." We sing it to express thanksgiving for God's forgiveness.

Proclaiming the Word

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you!
Many: And also with you!
All: God of justice and mercy,
Open our ears and eyes,
That we might hear and see
Your word and our world in new ways.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 3:1-12

One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"The Lord is My Light" Allitsen
Lara Alami, alto

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 9:9-13

One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Mission: The Call" Dr. John Judson

Responding to God

MEDITATION MUSIC

"For Everyone Born" Murray
Lara Alami, alto

Sealing the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 754 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

†BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE "Allegro Vivo" Fleury

All that we have is a gift from God. In gratitude, we return a portion of those blessings to the work of God in the church. TEXT your general fund contribution to 248.600.4919, or contribute online through the Giving Tab on the website.

Use your bulletin or the prayer page, in the Family Worship Resource, to write or draw your prayer requests during the Musical Meditation, in preparation for Prayers of the People.

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Hymntune: BARONITA

The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day's worship.

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service this morning.

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.

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.