

Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

August 13, 2017

Gathering Around The Word

“Self-control is the chief element in self-respect, and self-respect is the chief element in courage.”
- Thucydides, History of the Peloponnesian War

“Educate your children to self-control, to the habit of holding passion and prejudice and evil tendencies subject to an upright and reasoning will, and you have done much to abolish misery from their future and crimes from society.”

- Benjamin Franklin

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”

- 2 Timothy 1:7

Invitation to Discipleship

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it along your row. As you pass it back, note the names of those near you and greet one another after the service. You are invited to place a prayer request card in the offering plate to share your joys and concerns.

Introit

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey

April Jones-Sigadi and Highway Sigadi, soloists

April Jones-Sigadi is the Choral Director at Conrad High School, the home of our PHPC Choral Scholars. Her husband, Highway Sigadi, joins her in singing this morning's Introit.

Call to Worship responsively

Leader: Gather us in,

People: The lost and the lonely, the broken and the breaking, the tired and the aching.

Leader: Gather us in,

People: The bright and the bustling, the done and the doubting, the wishing and the wondering.

Leader: Gather us in,

People: From near and far, here and now, within ourselves and beyond ourselves.

Leader: Gather us in, for we know that you alone offer peace and new life.

People: God of today and tomorrow, God of gentleness, patience, and love, gather us in.

Leader: Let us worship God. Amen.

*Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

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***Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession together**

God of grace and love,

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously your meaning of your cross. Amen.

***Words of Forgiveness responsively**

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

You are invited to turn to your neighbors and exchange the words, "The peace of Christ be with you", or other words of greeting.

***Hymn 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

****Children are invited to come to the foot of the steps and sit on the cushions.**

Service Of The Word

Children's Sermon

Sarah Are

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Galatians 5:22-24

Galatians 5:13-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Refreshing Faith: Bearing Fruit - Self Control

Rev. Sarah Johnson

Response To The Word

*Affirmation of Faith together

Leader: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. (The Nicene Creed)

People: We believe. Help us in our unbelief.

Leader: 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. (The Apostle's Creed)

People: We believe. Help us in our unbelief.

Leader: God has all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of Godself . . . God is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom, are all things. (The Westminster Confession of Faith)

People: We believe. Help us in our unbelief.

Leader: We believe that God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God's reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination. (The Confession of 1967)

People: We believe. Help us in our unbelief.

Leader: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Brief Statement of Faith)

People: We believe. Help us in our unbelief. Amen.

Prayers of the People 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.

Presentation of Tithes/Offerings

Offertory Music

Be Thou My Vision

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Mack Wilberg

The Summer Choir with Tim Brendler and Michael Groff, piano four-hands

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all people here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Recognition of Adrienne Nicholson and Lauren Ghighi

*Hymn 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT

OF LOVE

*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Allegro maestoso from Sonata No. 2 in C Minor

Felix

Mendelssohn



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Refreshing Faith

BEARING FRUIT



Worship Leaders/Flowers

Our preacher today is Rev. Sarah Johnson. Director of Music Steve Jobman is conducting the Summer Choir. The organist is Associate Director of Music Michael Groff. Our acolytes are Jack Brackett and Caitlin Howard. Our child liturgist is Dane Walther. Next week's preacher is Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell. The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Courtney Petruska in loving honor of Sandy and Dave Petruska's 50th wedding anniversary. The flowers in the Columbarium are given by Earl Bauer in loving memory of Rita Ann 'Snookie'; by the family of Robert Ashley in loving memory of all inurned; and by the Tan Family in loving memory of Martha Tan.

Connect

Food Trucks: Enjoy quesadillas from 'Dillas after worship! Cost is \$5/person.

Faith and Grief Luncheon: Come join with others experiencing the pain and doubt of grief on Thursday, August 17, noon to 1 pm, in Jubilee Hall. There is no charge for the lunch, but please do make a reservation. Donations are welcome. For more information and to register, go to www.faithandgrief.org or call 469-251-9612. Questions? Contact Susan McDaniel at 214-207-3980 or smcdaniel1952@yahoo.com.

Presbyterian Women Sunday is August 20: Come join the celebration and learn more about PW in PC(USA) and at PHPC. You may sign up for a monthly Bible study meeting; they begin **September 11** (morning or evening) and **September 12** (morning). Also, study guides, *Cloud of Witnesses – The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, will be available at the Atrium counter for \$12.

Serve

Youth House Cleanup: Youth and their families are invited to grab a quesadilla and then head to the youth house following worship! Youth, we need your help straightening the youth house! While they work, parents come visit with Sarah!

Meals of Hope: Mark your calendars for our Meals of Hope meal packing event on **August 27!** Sign up in the Atrium or online at www.phpc.org.

Every Dollar Counts

July's EDC will go toward purchasing supplies for our Meals of Hope project in August. Last year, we bagged 122,000 meals that were donated to the North Texas Food Bank. Each meal costs approximately \$0.22, and the total event cost is \$27,000.
July total EDC: \$2,293

Joys/Concerns

Congratulations to Ann and Ryan Nielsen on the birth of their baby boy, Connor Eugene, on Saturday, August 5. Ann is our Director of Children's Ministry.

Upcoming

August 20: Presbyterian Women Sunday

August 27: Meals of Hope, Blessing of the Backpacks