"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

- Lamentations 3:22-23
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2020

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

Prelude
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
arr. Dan Miller

Introit
God is Our Hope and Strength
Eric Thiman

God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

**Call to Worship** (responsively)
Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever,
People: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Leader: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: ‘I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.’”
People: Praise the Lord!

**Hymn**
Praise to the Lord
#615
1 Praise to the Lord and glory to God. We gather in worship and fall upon our knees. Raise high your voices; sing to the King of peace, the God of love. Unite us, Lord, that we would be Lord; give thanks for God's love and grace. Praise to the Lord! One: your love is the bond of peace. Praise to the Lord!

1 하나님을 찬양하세
2 평화의 왕 믿음의 소서 사랑

This text from Korea affirms that the shared adoration of God fosters a sense of common purpose. The second stanza ends with an allusion to Ephesians 4:3, a further reminder of Christian unity, reinforced earlier by an echo of Christ’s prayer that “all may be one” (John 17:21).

MUSIC: Sung Mo Moon, 1989

This image contains Sheet Music for Praise to the Lord.
Prayer of Confession (unison)
Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore in us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)
Leader: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

**Gloria Patri**

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.

**Passing of the Peace** (responsively)
Leader: Through faith in Christ, we are offered life in the Spirit.
People: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, and patience.
Leader: The fruit of the Spirit is kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
People: If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
Leader: The peace of Christ is alive and at work in this congregation. The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.
PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem I Waited for the Lord Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint. O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson Lamentations 3:21-24

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “We Found Love in a Hopeless Place” Leslie Deslauriers, Pastoral Assistant preaching

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**Hymn Lord of All Hopefulness #683

(using the Alternate Tune: Slane)

**Affirmation of Faith (unison) The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, 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; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements
Lord of All Hopefulness

1 Lord of all hope-fulness, Lord of all joy, whose
trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy:
be
there at our wak-ing and give us, we pray, your
bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose
strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be
there at our la-bors and give us, we pray, your
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your
hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace:
be
there at our hom-ing and give us, we pray, your
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose
voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm:
be
there at our sleep-ing and give us, we pray, your
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.
Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart feel lonely and long for heaven and home? When Jesus is my portion, my constant friend is he. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free. For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. “Let not your heart be troubled.” His tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears. Though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (“debts”)
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

Prayer Response
We Wait and Hope for the Lord  Dale Wood
We wait and hope for the Lord, for he is our help and shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Let your unfailing love be upon us, O Lord, as we put our hope in you.

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

**Hymn  Great Is Thy Faithfulness  #39

**The Charge and the Benediction

**Benediction  God Be With You  Thomas A. Dorsey
God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet our spirits keep. Till we meet, our souls in love do keep. Till we meet, keep us humble at Thy feet. God be with you till we meet again.
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above.
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

"Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.
Great is thy faithful-ness! Great is thy faithful-ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn-ing by morn-ing, new mer-cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faithful-ness, Lord un-to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주
Postlude  
Festival March  
Norman Warren

Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service  
Liturgist  
Rev. David Neff and Kjirstin Almos

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission Statement: We are a diverse and inclusive community bringing people to Christ through the power of service, education, hospitality and compassion.

Vision Statement: Second Presbyterian Church seeks to be a diverse, vibrant and passionate Christ-centered community of hospitality and outreach actively serving the South Loop, the city of Chicago, and the world. We accomplish this through inspirational worship in our historic sanctuary, educational ministry to all ages, and the power of compassionate service to our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church. All are welcome regardless of ethnicity, economic group or sexual orientation to share together in the joy and power of God’s love in Jesus Christ.

Worship is live-streamed on our website www.2ndpresbyterian.org each Sunday morning. Join us at 10:55 a.m. for the worship. Copies of sermons and bulletins will be mailed and emailed to all who request them.

If pastoral care needs arise, please contact the church office at (312) 225-4951. Pastor Neff and Pastoral Assistant Deslauriers are available for pastoral counseling and prayer.
The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated to the Second Presbyterian Church essential workers, staff and volunteers. They are given by Rufus and Vivian Randle with gratitude, prayers and thanks.

The work of the church is critical in this time of crisis. Our ministry continues to grow in creative and innovative ways. Please take a moment to go online to 2ndpresbyterian.org and give, or write out your check and send it in to Second Presbyterian Church, 1936 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60616. Your gifts continue the mission and work of the Lord in this time and place.

We are still taking prayer requests but now you can submit them by clicking this link https://forms.gle/72RzSMc9tAA7y5st8 so that we can pray with you and for you. All prayer requests will go to Pastor Neff, Pastoral Assistant Leslie and our Office Administrator Ashley. There is an option to mark whether or not your prayer is private.

**Educational Opportunities**

Today, Pastoral Assistant Leslie will be leading a Virtual Covid Support group at 1:30 p.m. This will be a time for folks to come and talk about their struggles with what Covid has brought to their life: frontline workers, those who lost their jobs, those who have had Covid and had to self-quarantine or ended up in the hospital, those who have lost family members, those who are struggling with the lack of socialization. This is a time for you to come and share your thoughts and feelings and be supported. Here is the Zoom information:

**Join Zoom Meeting:**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83629751318?pwd=aFR4WkYwcyjMyUml1b1FNaHkyNnZLdz09
Meeting ID: 836 2975 1318
Password: 673212
**Quest for The Living God Summer Class:** How does theology respond to THE crises of civilization? How does the church respond to the injustice in society? Pastor Neff and Student Pastor Almos will teach a weekly Zoom course during June and July.

The course will be for one hour each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. We will study the book *Quest for the Living God* written by Catholic theologian Elizabeth A. Johnson. Each chapter comments on the major Catholic and Protestant theological movements of the 21st Century. A weekly study guide will be offered. Topics are:

- **July 15** – Response to Racism: Black Theology and Black Power
- **July 22** – Doing Theology Latinamente
- **July 29** – Response to Environmental Exploitation and Abuse: Eco-theology and Eco-justice
- **August 5** – Response to Pluralism: Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue

Please join us. All are welcome.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88365620431?pwd=amVGVzVDdFo3Z2U0ekpiNEkvWTF4Zz09

**Meeting ID:** 883 6562 0431
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**BIBLE STUDIES:**

We will be using phone calls for bible studies and Zoom for other groups. For bible studies, use the number below.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.**
(631) 270-1376
ID number 7582750
Tuesday First Corinthians 1:30 p.m.
(631) 270-1376
ID number 7582750

**Alpha to Omega Bible Discussion Group:** monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays. For more information, please contact Flea Parker at flea@golden2.net or (210) 861-6988.

**THURSDAY CIRCLE OF PRAYER 12:00 P.M.:**

Marian Liataud and Pastor Neff invite you to join Zoom for a Circle of Prayer at noon every Thursday. The format will include a time of prayer for all who need prayer, asking God to hold and bless every situation. “Prayer holds the key to heaven” (James Weldon Johnson).

**Weekly:** https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/uZYsd-Grpz8tK3Ihm-sMvYMsuaMNbDX4WLw/ics?icsToken=98tyKu2qrzsiGd2Rt1zta7UtW6v_buG5llodg6sQmDLzOg1AdwLbGOBmCuZIPM-B

**Join Zoom Meeting:**
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**RIM (Recreation and Interest Ministries) Committee**

The RIM committee is in the process of developing a group trip to explore the Civil Rights Monuments and Museums in the Montgomery and Selma, Alabama areas. We are excited to share the following information with you in the hopes that you will wish to participate. Based on current health circumstances we cannot set a specific time yet but we are looking at late
Fall 2020 or Spring/Fall 2021. Please express your interest in the Civil Rights Trip to the RIM Committee by emailing to trips.2ndpreschicago@gmail.com. We will keep you updated as further information can be developed.

**WHAT:** 2nd Presbyterian Civil Rights Trip Fly to Birmingham, Alabama. Travel by CHARTERED BUS to Montgomery & Selma. Visit the Peace & Justice Museum, Dexter Baptist Church, Selma bridge and other museums & highlights as time allows. Led by a Civil Rights expert.

**WHO:** 20-30 2nd Presbyterian congregants (and friends as space allows)

**WHEN:** 4 days & 3 nights, Fall or Spring as circumstances allow

**WHERE:** Hotel in downtown Montgomery AL

**COST:** Estimated $800 - $1,000 including flight.

**Movie Group:** We will be discussing *On the Basis of Sex* about Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Friday, July 24th at 6:30 p.m. Each person will watch the movie on their own and then we will gather on Zoom to discuss it. The movie is streaming free on multiple platforms. This event is brought to you by the RIM committee.

**Topic:** Second Movie Group

**Time:** July 24, 2020 6:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

**Meeting ID:** 878 3025 7932

**Password:** 602018

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**Find your local number:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kd6iBD5qb](https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kd6iBD5qb)
**Book Group:** Our next book of discussion is *Notorious RBG: The Life and Time of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik. This will take place via Zoom on July 19th at 9:30 a.m.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82595103879
Meeting ID: 825 9510 3879

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**General**

The South Loop Virtual Farmer’s Market and outdoor market is open in the church parking lot. Please order through the virtual market at [www.sourcewhatsgood.com](http://www.sourcewhatsgood.com), between Friday and Wednesday noon and pick up your orders at the church between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

**Support Our Mission and Ministry**

You may now give your offering on the Second Presbyterian Church website at [www.2ndpresbyterian.org](http://www.2ndpresbyterian.org). Look for the “Donate” button and scroll down, following the prompts. Thank you for your faithful giving!
Connect with Us

Dr. Neff’s sermons, poetry and reflections on ministry can be found in his blog: www.davidneff.me. To obtain copies of sermons for our Pastoral Assistant Leslie Deslauriers, please go to her blog lesliefollowsgodthroughchicago.blogspot.com
**PRAYER REQUESTS** (please pray for the following)

**Deneen Marie Bryce** – Tyre Family; for prayers in the loss of Mrs. Patricia Eisenhart; Nancy Koller, for prayers for her health and recovery and that she may know our love for her

**Karen Ashley-Bowman and Family** – the family of Joan Small

**Ben, Joanne, & Declan** - for unity among all people in the midst of ongoing division

**Ashley McLean** – for the family and friend of Ameera Muhammad; may the Lord be of comfort to them in this very sad and difficult time; my family and friends; good health and advancement in life; Guy, JB and Bella

**Leslie Deslauriers** – C. Butcher; B. Chinchilla; Vivi; M. Mayorga; S. Jones; D. Labuschagne; T. Orem; A. Williams; L. Williams; S. Williams; D. Deslauriers

**Rev. David Neff** – Pastors and Elders--the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon--prayers for the persecuted church

**Homebound Members** – Robert Wasmund, Sue Ish, Lloyd Carter, Vera Dix, Tom Miner, Helen Gooden
**The Session**
Reverend Dr. David M. Neff, Pastor
Darlene Pollard, Clerk

**2020**
- Eric Annafi
- Lisa Henry-Reid
- Dr. Argie Johnson

**2021**
- Dr. Cliff Crawford
- Anthony Ochiabutor
- Vicki Reynolds

**2022**
- Darlene Pollard
- Howard Tiffen
- Amy Haack

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- Barbara Crawford
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**2021**
- Denise Conway
- Catherine Soberekon

**2022**
- Jeremy Nichols
- Francis Osazuwa
- Jane Tiffen

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Leslie Deslauriers, Pastoral Assistant
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Ashley McLean, Office Administrator
Marco Alberto, Sexton

**Second Presbyterian Quartet Choir**
- Sherry Watkins, soprano
- Sadie Cheslak, alto
- Steven Michael Patrick, tenor
- Vince Wallace, bass

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