

Order of Worship for February 12, 2023

Gathering Music What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine GTG #837

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Welcome

Rev Barbara Macfie

Call To Worship

Liturgist

Hymn How Firm a Foundation GTG #463

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession

Liturgist

As we return again and again to God in need of God's grace let us now turn to God confessing the ways we fall short of what God hopes for us. Let us offer our prayer of confession:

Prayer of Confession. (adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*, ©2004, Faith Alive Christian Resource)

(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 the meaning of your cross. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev Barbara Macfie

The love of God is indeed from everlasting to everlasting. And because of this I can with full confidence say to you that we are all forgiven. 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.**

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Reading from Luke 19:41-44

Liturgist

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

Reading from Genesis 1:1 - 3, 6, 9, 11, 14 -15, 20, 24-25, 26-28

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God

saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

Anthem

Just As I Am

Westminster Choir

Sermon

“Cuz Wees Gots Too”

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith:

Rev Barbara Macfie

We, the members and friends of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, have both similar and various beliefs about our faith. We respect and are learning that our differences can make us stronger, more loving, caring, understanding, giving, and forgiving.

We belief in the triune God who has always existed. We believe God is love, unconditional and steadfast. We believe that all God does is done in the spirit of love. God created the universe and all that is in it. God became human in Jesus Christ who taught us about hope, faith, and belief; who calls us to love and forgive; to care and respect all of creation. We believe Jesus Christ endured all kinds of suffering, even death on the cross and that he died, was buried, and rose again for us, so we could be forgiven. We believe God relates to us in the form of the Holy Spirit who is active in our lives, nurturing us, and guiding our thoughts and decisions. The Holy Spirit helps us understand what it means to be created in the image of God, and blesses us with attributes and gifts specific to each one of us. These attributes and gifts include compassion, love, empathy, and strength which enables us to care for our earth, our wildlife, our pets, ourselves, and one another; helps us to see the beauty that surrounds us; and calls us to work toward forgiveness and peace in the world.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev Barbara Macfie

Invitation To the Offertory

Liturgis

Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Offertory

Thank You

Glen Pruitt

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist

Lord, we give to you today as a response to your goodness to us. We ask that you receive our offerings and continue to supply all our needs. May your peace be in our hearts, your grace be in our words, your love be in our hands and your joy be in our souls. In your mighty name, Amen.

Song

Friends

Glen Pruitt

Hymn

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GTG #542

1 God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

3 God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

4 God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction

Rev Barbara Macfie

Postlude