



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

February 17, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who know God and, through love, serve the Lord and others. We will accomplish our mission by practicing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity.

PREPARATION

(Please use the prelude as a time for reflection and preparation for worship.)

**Please stand, if able. Responses are in boldface.*

PRELUDE

"Hymn and hymn prelude on "St. Columba" (The King
of Love My Shepherd Is, hymn 802)

Healey Willan
(1880–1968)

Jack Rain, organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who trust in God, who delight to meditate on God's law.

We long to hear the Word of God and let the Word shape our lives.

Blessed are all who seek the realm of God, who hunger to find meaning in their lives.

We intend to give our best to our Creator, bearing fruit in all we say and do.

Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy, who risk all they have in faithfulness and hope.

We come now to worship and find new life, to receive healing and empowerment for our journey.

INTROIT

“Let Us Build a House”

Marty Haugen

Chancel Choir

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome in this place.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Joe Emerson, Elder

Sovereign God, we confess that we have chased after wealth and temporal security while neglecting matters of the spirit. We put our trust in things and in sinners’ empty promises. We even deceive ourselves, shaping our words and actions to please the crowd. We have doubted the resurrection, surrendering to a sense of futility and skepticism. Turn us around, God, so we can learn to trust you and find strength in giving of ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Joe Emerson

The healing that Jesus offered to disciples long ago is available to us. They were freed to love with generous abandon; so are we. They learned to care for others without first measuring the benefits to themselves; so have we. They were led to the mountain top to commune with God; so are we. They found hope and new life in Christ; this is also God’s gift to us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children are invited to come forward to the pulpit area for the Children's Sermon. Afterward, they may return to their parent or guardian or leave the sanctuary for Godly Play.)

*HYMN 658

"God Is So Good"

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Joe Emerson

(pew Bible, Old Testament, page 854)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Dr. Dawn Conti

(pew Bible, New Testament, page 212)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"What's Love Got to Do with It?"

Dr. Dawn Conti

RESPONSE

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

(concluding with) **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.**

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me. And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 625

“O Lord My God”

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

David H. Hegarty
(b. 1945)

*The congregation is invited to come forward and stand by the organ console.
The minister is available at the door as you leave.*