A Service of Worship for the Lord’s Day

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Second Presbyterian Church (Lexington, KY)
July 19, 2020

God Calls Us to Worship

Pouring of the Water
Pastor John P. Leggett

Because we belong to God, we also belong to one another.

Welcome
Pastor John P. Leggett

Prelude
Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
(Martha Anderson, Organist)

Call to Worship
Jackie Graves

We know that God has always been by our side, through good times and bad times, through clarity and confusion, through times of feeling downtrodden and times of ecstatic rejoicing. God is with us now as we gather to praise God’s name and learn from God’s word. Let us now join together in worship of God.

Prayer of the Day
Jen Brown-Murphy

Creator God, You call us to love and serve You with body, mind, and spirit through loving Your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion, to think of others before ourselves, and to show Your love and grace in every interaction. May we be encouraged and uplifted through our worship and praise of You, and may we always seek to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. Amen.

Hymn
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
(ST. MARGARET)
(Gary Anderson, Song Leader)

God Speaks to Us from the Word

Prayer for Illumination
Pastor Sara Benedetti

Scripture Reading
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Homily
Pastor Sara Benedetti
An Affirmation of Faith  
Pastor Sara Benedetti

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

(From The Confession of 1967)

God Invites Us to Respond

Special Music  
A Gaelic Blessing  
John Rutter
Zaida Scheff, Mezzo Soprano

Concerns and Celebrations  
Pastor John P. Leggett

Prayers of the People  
Pastor John P. Leggett

Offering of Our Gifts  
Pastor David Holden

Offertory  
We Give Thee but Thine Own  
Martha Anderson, Organist  
(SCHUMANN)

Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Pastor David Holden

The Lord’s Prayer

Sending  
Pastor Sara Benedetti

Postlude  
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart  
arr. Douglas Wagner
Service Notes

- **Pastors:** John P. Leggett, Sara Benedetti, David Holden
- **Liturgists:** Jackie Graves, Jen Brown-Murphy
- **Musicians:** Gary and Martha Anderson, Zaida Scheff
- Thanks to **Mike Leemhuis, Alan Richardson, and Scott Walz** for their behind the scenes technical assistance that makes today’s live stream possible.

Announcements

- The Second Presbyterian Church Campus continues to be closed, with limited access. The Church Office is open **Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon**; and closed on Friday. Meetings or visits are by appointment only. Please call 859.254.7768 to schedule as we are limiting the number of people in the office. We will post on our website and Facebook and send notifications through email when the Campus will again reopen. Please be alert to possible changes in schedule due to changing situations.
- Don’t forget to join others from the congregation in reading *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. We also invite your participation in a free presentation by the author scheduled for tomorrow, July 20, 2020. Check out the details here: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ibram-x-kendi-on-how-to-be-an-antiracist-tickets-110866502694](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ibram-x-kendi-on-how-to-be-an-antiracist-tickets-110866502694)
- In this time of uncertainty and fear, we continue to share the word of God to bring you strength and hope, and to keep us all connected. Your gifts and donations in response to God are instrumental in sustaining our ability to move forward with all the ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Second Presbyterian has an amazing ministry. We hope you will be part of that ministry now and continue your support today. You may make your gifts through the secure link on the church website ([https://onrealm.org/2preslex/give/now](https://onrealm.org/2preslex/give/now)) or by mailing your check to Second Presbyterian Church, 460 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507.
- Keep reaching out to one another, checking on your neighbors, and praying for the ministry of our congregation so that all we know that they are remembered and loved.

Prayer Concerns

- **Kenny Leatherman,** continues to receive immunotherapy and is doing well so far
- **Jean Epperson,** recovering from a broken hand
- **Erwin Jones,** recovering from hip surgery
- **Marjorie Polites,** at Cardinal Hill following surgery
- **Betty Davis,** preparing for a procedure currently scheduled for July 24

Our Sympathy

We extend our love and care to the family of **Tom Martin,** a former associate pastor following his death