

# *Peace Be Still!*



**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 20, 2021**

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

**Prelude**            Amazing Grace            arr. George Shearing  
                          Faith of Our Fathers        arr. Lani Smith

**Introit**            This Is the Day!            Douglas Wagner  
*This is the day that the Lord has made; we will be glad  
and rejoice in it. This is the day of the Lord!*

**\*\*Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: From before the world began and after the end of  
eternity:

**People: God is our Creator!**

Leader: From the sea bursting its waves to the wind  
ceasing its chase:

**People: Christ is our Redeemer!**

Leader: From the rhythms of creation and through the  
constancy of change:

**People: The Spirit is the Giver of Life!**

Leader: In the vastness of the universe and the forgotten  
corners of our hearts:

**People: We worship and praise you: Triune God of  
Love.**

**\*\*Hymn**

Give Praise to the Lord

## Give Praise to the Lord

(Psalm 149)

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;  
 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,  
 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, all saints of the Lord;  
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;  
 with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;  
 with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;  
 but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;

a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,  
 for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;  
 go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might  
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.  
 with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.  
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.  
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

### **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**God, we confess that we often struggle with ourselves. Our anxiety isolates us from others and separates us from you. We allow our fears and inadequacies to prevent us from caring for others whose lives are more fragile than our own. We are content with our lot. We neglect to inquire to see how we might make a difference for those in need.**

**Loving God, forgive our fearful ways. As you grant us mercy, give us the assurance that we are always in your gracious care. Soften our hardness of heart. Open our closed eyes and ears. Make your grace our security, that we may throw wide our arms to others and stand in all your children with compassion.**

### **Silent Confession**

**Declaration of Pardon (responsively)      Isaiah 43:1-6**

**Leader: Thus says the LORD your God: Do not fear, for I am with you.**

**People: I have called you by name, you are mine.**

**Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.**

**People: When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned.**

**Leader: For I am the Lord your God, your Savior.**

**People: You are precious and honored in my sight. I love you.**

**\*\*Gloria Patri**

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*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: If we live by the Spirit:

**People: Let us also walk in the Spirit.**

Leader: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace and patience.

**People: The fruit of the Spirit is kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**

Leader: If we sow seeds in the Spirit:

**People: We will reap eternal life from the Spirit.**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination** (unison)

**Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of your presence, open up the mind of God to us. Through the reading and preaching of the scriptures, may we hear your Word and receive your Spirit; that in your light we may see light, and in your strength be strong. Amen.**

**Scripture Lesson**                      **Psalm 107; 1-3, 23-32**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble

<sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands,

from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

- <sup>23</sup> Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the mighty waters;  
<sup>24</sup> they saw the deeds of the Lord,  
his wondrous works in the deep.  
<sup>25</sup> For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.  
<sup>26</sup> They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the  
depths;  
their courage melted away in their calamity;  
<sup>27</sup> they reeled and staggered like drunkards,  
and were at their wits' end.  
<sup>28</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he brought them out from their distress;  
<sup>29</sup> he made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.  
<sup>30</sup> Then they were glad because they had quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.  
<sup>31</sup> Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.  
<sup>32</sup> Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Scripture Lesson                      Mark 4:35-41**

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."<sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.<sup>37</sup> A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that

the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup> He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Solo**

My Father Watches Over Me

C.H. Gabriel

Sherry Watkins, soloist

*I trust in God wherever I may be, upon the land or on the rolling sea; for come what may from day to day, my Heavenly Father watches over me. I trust in God, I know He cares for me, on mountain bleak or on the stormy sea. Though billows roll, He keeps my soul; my Heavenly Father watches over me. He makes the rose an object of His care, He guides the eagle through the pathless air; and surely He remember me, my Heavenly Father watches over me. I trust in God, I know He cares for me, on mountain bleak or on the stormy sea. Though billows roll, He keeps my soul; my Heavenly Father watches over me.*

### **Sermon**

“God Got Us Through It”

Pastor David Neff, preaching

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# My Life Flows On

## How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*\*Hymn**

My Life Flows On

**\*\*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**

**Celebration of Ordination**

Dr. Argie Johnson

**Anthem**

It Is Well with My Soul

Philip Bliss, arr. Wilberg

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, 'It is well, it is well with my soul. 'Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;*

*praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.*

**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**

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

arr. Richard Smallwood

*I love the Lord, who heard my cry, and pitied every groan. Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne.*

### **Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation**

#### **BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*\*Hymn**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

**\*\*The Charge and the Benediction**

Rev. Kjirstin Almos

**\*\*Benediction**            Go Now in Peace            Don Besig  
*Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you  
each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong  
and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now  
in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all  
the world can see. God will be there watching from  
above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

## **Postlude**

Improvisation on 'We Shall Overcome'    Carl Haywood

## **Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service**

Liturgists: Brian Louis and Ann Belletire

Livestream Operator: Eric Annafi

## 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## 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.

Bulletin cover: *Peace Be Still*. He, Qi; from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Lift Every Voice and Sing, our final hymn, is in honor of the federal and state passage of Juneteenth as a legal holiday.

In-Person: We are open for in-person worship. Join us at 11:00 am for the worship. The sanctuary doors will open at 10:30 am.

Online: Worship is live-streamed on our website **2ndPresbyterian.org** each Sunday morning at 11:00. Please join us live or watch the recorded services at your convenience.

Visiting Guests: If you are new to Second Presbyterian Church, please sign a blue visitor's card and leave your email address as you exit the sanctuary.

Prayers: Second Church is a praying congregation! Please sign a yellow prayer card found in the pews and note any prayer requests so that we may pray with you and for you.

Please **Click Here** to submit your prayer requests online. All prayer requests will go to Pastor Neff and our Office Administrator Ashley McLean. There is an option to mark whether or not your prayer is private.

Today we celebrate the ordination of our former student Rev. Kjirstin Almos as Minister of the Word and Sacrament. Please greet Kjirstin after the service!

Calling All Graduates! On Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, the Christian Education Committee would like to host Baccalaureate Sunday, in which we honor all graduates. If you have a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter or member of your family that has graduated from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, college, graduate school or

vocational/technical school, please contact the church office with their name and place of graduation. On that morning, they will be recognized by our church family.

## **Bible Studies**

We welcome you to join our Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon Bible Study Classes. If you would like the curriculum, please email the church office at [SecondChurch1936@comcast.net](mailto:SecondChurch1936@comcast.net). The conference call number: **(312) 248-0036**. No PIN required.

- **Sunday morning Bible Study 9:30 am**
- **Tuesday afternoons Philippians 1:30 pm**

Alpha to Omega Bible Discussion Group: We are discussing the New Testament. Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 5 pm Please use this phone number: **(312) 248-0036**. No pin is required. For more information contact Flea Parker at [Flea@Golden2.net](mailto:Flea@Golden2.net) or (210) 861-6988.

## **RIM (Recreation and Interest Ministries) Committee**

Book Group: Our next book of discussion is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. Please email Ann Belletire if you would like to join this very lively discussion group at [AnnaBelle620e@aol.com](mailto:AnnaBelle620e@aol.com).

**Time:** July 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 9:30 am central time

**Join Zoom Meeting:** [Click Here](#)

Or Call: (312) 626-6799

**Meeting ID: 868 6496 0108**

**Passcode: 726317**

Deacon Sharon Singer is providing a free Stretch Class on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall.



The class will run until August 16<sup>th</sup>. Come and improve your range of motion and flexibility. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. Sharon has instructed fitness classes for over 20 years or more.

## **Community**

The Prairie Avenue District Farmers' Market has begun. Every Thursday evening from 4:00 – 8:00 pm, approximately 20 vendors will offer vegetables, produce, gourmet coffee, bakery, yogurt and cheese, health care products, take-home meals and other items. All are welcome. For more information, please visit their website at [\*\*SouthLoopFarmersMarket.com\*\*](http://SouthLoopFarmersMarket.com).

## **Your Support of Our Mission and Ministry**

Our work at Second Presbyterian Church is critical year-round and especially crucial in this time of crisis. Our ministry continues to grow in creative and innovative ways. Please [\*\*Click Here\*\*](#) to give your offering online or visit the Second Presbyterian Church website at [\*\*2ndPresbyterian.org\*\*](http://2ndPresbyterian.org). Look for the “**Give Online**” button, scroll down and follow 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: [\*\*DavidNeff.me\*\*](http://DavidNeff.me).

To obtain copies of sermons, please contact the church office via email at [\*\*SecondChurch1936@comcast.net\*\*](mailto:SecondChurch1936@comcast.net).

## **Prayer Requests**

Please pray for the following:

**Mary Tibbs** – for the shooting and killing to stop

**Deborah Odoi** – 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and; world peace

**Ochiabutor Family** – return of lost mail/packages; good health; safety of IBOS in Nigeria; family and friends of King Von who passed away last year; T. Clarke; Brandon Basten

**M. Thompson** – Thompson, Smith and Eiland families

**Ann and Mike Belletire** – the Miller family; Darnell Grayson

**Kevin Harris** – God's creations

**Ozzie Kinnard** – Kinnard/Steele, Brinson families; Tracy Cargo; Christina Kinnard; Vivian Randle; church family

**Francine Oliver** – Edna; health and wisdom



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Darlene Pollard, Clerk

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Sherry Watkins, Soprano

Corinne Wallace-Crane, Alto

John Concepcion, Tenor

Vince Wallace, Bass



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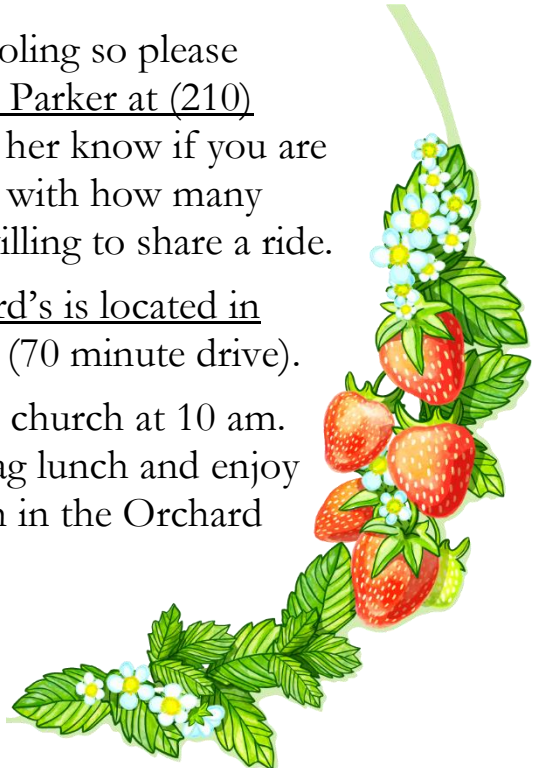
**Get out of the city for a day and  
enjoy fresh country air!**

On **June 26<sup>th</sup>**, join the Recreation and Interests committee for a trip to Garwood Orchards to pick fresh strawberries from the field.

We will be carpooling so please reach out to Flea Parker at (210) 861-6988 and let her know if you are able to drive and with how many people you are willing to share a ride.

Garwood Orchard's is located in LaPorte, Indiana (70 minute drive).

We will leave the church at 10 am. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy an open air lunch in the Orchard Pavillion.



## THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

“That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom...

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-

defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

By the President: ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State