



**Presbytery Worship
October 17-18, 2020**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Rev. Seth Finch, Covenant

*“2020 is a freakin’ dumpster fire. Let’s be done with it
already.”*

--Everyone

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Lou Ann Johnson, Laguna

One: Do you feel it? God's kingdom is beneath our feet.

Many: **We live in the new creation shaped by God out of our brokenness.**

One: Do you know it? God's reconciling love in Christ has shattered our ways of viewing people.

Many: **No longer do we label our sisters, brothers, and siblings, we welcome them with open arms.**

One: Do you believe it? God has made everything, including us, new,

Many: **and sends us forth to share this good news with everyone!**

HYMN #100

My Soul Cries Out

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION*

Tim Strongin, Sandia

One: God is our refuge and strength. Though the earth should change, though the mountains should tremble, though the sea should roar and foam, we will not fear. For nothing can separate us from the love of God. Trusting in that unchanging truth, let us confess our sin together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

God, you have told us that your promises are eternal, but these days we find it hard to trust much of anything. We are overwhelmed by an ever-changing normal; we cling to the familiar even as it slips through our fingers. Scrambling to find our footing, we forget that you are the solid rock on which we stand. You reach out to us with new mercies each morning, but we are afraid to let go of our tentative grasp on “what was” in order to reach for “what will be.”

Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from our fear. Unburden us of the illusion of self-sufficiency. Wipe away our need to “fix it” and “get it right.” Strengthen our faith, that we might unclench our shoulders, let out our breath, and confess what we know to be true: Jesus is Lord. Christ is the rock that upholds us.

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

One: Hear the good news! These truths still stand: we are called, claimed, beloved, and forgiven. Christ is alive, and God’s ministry of

reconciliation continues even today. God is still God. Friends, we're going to be ok.

Many: God is our rock and our salvation. Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deb Allen-Reid, Las Vegas

One: God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives: through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:16-20

So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors who represent Christ. God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's representatives, "Be reconciled to God!"

LECTURA Flor Moino, Camino de Vida

2 Corintios 5:16-20

Por eso, nosotros ya no pensamos de nadie según los criterios de este mundo; y aunque antes pensábamos de Cristo según tales criterios, ahora ya no pensamos así de él. Por lo tanto, el que está unido a Cristo es una nueva persona. Las cosas viejas pasaron; se convirtieron en algo nuevo. Todo esto es la obra de Dios, quien por medio de Cristo nos reconcilió consigo mismo y nos dio el encargo de anunciar la reconciliación. Es decir que, en Cristo, Dios estaba reconciliando consigo mismo al mundo, sin tomar en cuenta los pecados de los hombres; y a nosotros nos encargó que diéramos a conocer este mensaje. Así que somos embajadores de Cristo, lo cual es como si Dios mismo les rogara a ustedes por medio de nosotros. Así pues, en el nombre de Cristo les rogamus que acepten el reconciliarse con Dios.

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Are We There Yet?"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INSTALLATION

CALL FOR OFFERING

The Rev. Drew Henry, Immanuel

(The offering from this service will go to support Ghost Ranch. Give by mailing a check to the Presbytery office or going to santafepresbytery.org and give via Paypal)

DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "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. Amen." The asterisk (*) above the word "him" in the first two lines indicates a specific pronunciation or emphasis.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Roger Scott-Powers, St. Andrew

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

NECROLOGY

COMMUNION

HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Sung to English folk Melody *Gift of Love #693*

1 The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

BENEDICTION

Seth Finch

*Liturgy adapted from Thom Shuman by Sarah Chivington Buck, Ginna Bairby, and Katie Palmer.

Musician

Shannon Webster, Vocals and Guitar