



*FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1106 Spring Street
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Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 20, 2020*

PRELUDE

Marilyn Seel

WELCOME

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE #469 Morning Has Broken

1. Morning has broken, like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness, of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness, where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation! Praise every morning,
God's recreation, of the new day!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

People: God is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Whether we are long timers or latecomers in the life of faith,

People: God is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

People: God is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We praise God's name forever and ever!

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Nancy Priest, Lay Reader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Rev. Mike Clark

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want our grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

People: God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!

THE GLORIA PATRI (UNISON)

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.

Psalm 145:1-8

Nancy Priest, Lay Reader

OUR OFFERINGS

Nancy Priest

THE DOXOLOGY

Nancy Priest

**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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Nancy Priest

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been giving your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray our thanksgivings and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Philippians 1:21-30* Nancy Priest, Lay Reader

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mike Clark

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Because He Lives" written by Bill Gaither Karen Diers

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Rev. Mike Clark

MESSAGE

"It's Not Fair!!"

Rev. Mike Clark

THIS WE BELIEVE (UNISON)

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mike Clark

BENEDICTION

Rev. Mike Clark

POSTLUDE

Marilyn Seel

Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas 2020

First Presbyterian Church Brinkley, Arkansas (Organized 1887, Members- 4)

First Presbyterian Church Jonesboro, Arkansas (Organized 1889, Members-139)

Scripture Readings for Sunday, September 27, 2020

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32



Don't Forget about the Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Shoe Box gift ideas: Small toy, stuffed animal, small soccer ball, toy cars, yo-yo's, toys that light up or make sound, tooth brushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, inexpensive solar calculators, notebooks, paper, coloring books, socks, sunglasses, or flashlights. (Do not include toothpaste, gum, war-related items, seeds, food or candy, liquids or lotions, breakable items, or aerosol cans.) Remember that these items should fit into a standard sized shoe box! Just choose some of the above items. Just being remembered & prayed for are the biggest gifts of all for these children!

More information about the collection of items will be coming during next week's virtual service by Sarah Kelly. **DON'T MISS IT!!**