

Presbyterian Church (USA) of the Moriches 7/3/22

To be commissioned, Jesus sent those out to preach the Good News. They were to go in peace and remain only where they were welcome. Their charge was to heal the sick and to proclaim that God's reign, God's power was near. Where they were not received, they were not to fret, but shake the dust from their feet and move on to a place where the Good News was received. Throughout the ages the task has not changed: Go where Christ sends you and minister to those in-need-of-healing.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

GATHERING

We gather as a community of faith to meet God in a new way, and we reflect on hope and promise of God's gift through Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you God's faithful ones, and give thanks to God and God's holy name.

PEOPLE: *I will hear you, O God, and ask for your grace. O Lord, be my helper in healing, and let me be healed in the process!*

Leader: You have turned mourning into dancing, and clothed us with joy.

PEOPLE: *So that my soul may praise you and not be silent, O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.*

Leader: O call upon the Lord, and let us ask to be healed.

PEOPLE: *We asked for freedom, and we were given liberty beyond measure.*

Leader: Let us praise God and sing without ceasing!

*Prayer of Invocation (Unison):

God of the dawn, we arise to the hope of your redeeming Grace. God of the dusk, we rest secure in the assurance that you neither slumber or sleep. God of the noonday sun, we dwell in the midst of your unfailing mercy. You are above us, beneath us, and throughout all creation. Through the abundance of your encompassing love, we worship and praise your glorious name.

*Hymn #561 B "My Country Tis of Thee"

Prayer of Confession (UNISON):

God of creation, you make all things new: look with mercy upon us as we confess our sin. The seeds of destruction find fertile soil in us; we nurture them to fruition. We pluck the yield and find it delightful; we rejoice in evil harvest we have sown. Save us from our sinful love, dear God. Teach us, now, to sow your Holy Spirit of peace which reaps life, eternally. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon by Leader: Just as Paul bore on his body the marks of Jesus, so also may we glory in the cross of Christ Jesus. By the cross the world has been crucified in Jesus Christ. The cross exposes the devil who sows evil, revealing the wrong that is evidenced *in-the-world*. The cross helps us see the boundary of true spiritual love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23) and the false boundary of the works-of-the-flesh (Gal. 5:19-21). The cross helps us with our perceptions within-God's-world. The cross keeps us from self-deception. The cross reveals God's transcendence and limited, worldly false-hoods and misleading, simple lies. So let us walk by this rule, dwelling in God's pure mercy, for through Christ's Grace we are forgiven. AMEN.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Kyrie #573 LORD HAVE MERCY

*GLORIA PATRI

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in Scripture, song, prayer, and sermon and respond with an affirmation of our faith.

Sermonette-Youth Message for Young-at-Heart

Prayer of Illumination: By your Word, O God, may we be inspired. Give us light. Let us receive a call for action, so that we may experience the Word in power, in wisdom, and a word of comfort. Guide us today as we listen to your Word read and proclaimed. Fill us with understanding. Let us desire to change for a

force-for-good, so that we might be the change the world needs, today. Speak Lord. Your people now listen. AMEN.

First Reading: Psalm 30

*Hymn #783 Augsburg Hymn " Seek Ye First"

Second Reading: Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Meditation: " Healing Comes in the Morning " by Pastor Mark Vernon Applewhite

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Inspired by the promise of this season, let us give our thanks and praise--so we may continue God's work throughout the year (+).

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison):

O God, the Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of God's own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament. We reject false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, any arbitrarily chosen purposes, and any arbitrarily chosen plans. We, the confessional church, acknowledge these truths and reject errors indispensable for the theological basis of the federation of Confessional churches. We invite all able to accept this declaration to be mindful of these theological principles in their decisions in church politics to return to unity in faith, love and hope. AMEN.

Prayers of the People, a Moment of Silence from those listed by our Diaconate.

PASTORAL PRAYER & Savior's Prayer (Debts)

Invitation to Share our Tithes and Offerings

ANTHEM

*Doxology #529 (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. AMEN." *GOD

Prayer of Dedication (UNISON): We give Thee but Thine own, what e're that gift may be, for all we have is Thine alone, a trust, O God, in Thee. AMEN.

THE SENDING

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God and God's congregation, we go into the world to share God's love.

*Hymn # 564 B " O Beautiful "

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

*Hymn #111 B Good Christians All, Rejoice

Postlude

Happy 243 years for Independence Day tomorrow, Monday, July 4th 2022. We celebrate 275 years next year as a Church on Main & Railroad Ave.!

Reflection Questions: God heals and commands us to go out into the world to heal others. How are you a healing person? What situations around you are in need of healing, now? How can the church be a healing agent?