

**PREWORSHIP MUSIC & PRELUDE**

**Mr. Cody Eckenrode**

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**<sup>1</sup>

Pastor: Here, in this place,  
God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters

**Congregation: Here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name!**

Pastor: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

**Congregation: Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!**

Pastor: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of their comfort zone, into the unknown.

**Congregation: Here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!'**

Pastor: Here in worship, we give thanks and praise God's greatness!

**Congregation: Here, joined together, we learn and grow together.**

**All: Here, we are strengthened to face our tomorrows,  
and promise that when we take our leave,  
we will tell everyone about God's wonderful works!**

**HYMN**

*Gather Us In*<sup>2</sup>

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**<sup>3</sup> (Adapted from Romans 8:26-27)

Pastor: When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows. When all we can muster are sighs and groans, the Spirit knows those also. When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God, the Spirit goes before us and with Us and God welcomes us with arms open. Let us confess our sins together, saying . . .

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**<sup>4</sup>

**All: Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**<sup>5</sup>

Pastor: Nothing is impossible with God.  
There is no place we can go,  
no end of the earth you can run,  
where God cannot find you.  
There is nothing on earth or beyond death

<sup>1</sup> Rev. Thom Shuman of Lectionary Liturgies Blog. Adapted with lines written by Pastor Laura Baker, based on Psalm 150. April 18, 2022 at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/call-to-worship-proper-14a.html>

<sup>2</sup> Text: Marty Haugen, tr. By Georgina Pando-Connolly; b.1950 © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc. One License # 733911-A

<sup>3</sup> Rev. Matthew Thompson, First Presbyterian Church of Lamesa, Texas. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/call-to-confession-romans-826-27.html>

<sup>4</sup> Rev. Mindi from *Rev-o-lution* website. April 18, 2022 at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/02/prayer-of-confession-loving-others.html>

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
You are forgiven.  
You are loved.  
You are reconciled to God.  
Go and live with the love of God.  
Amen.

## **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 29:1-30**

**Ms. JoAnn Kreeger**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING – Matthew 14:22-33**

**STUDY SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Rev. Laura C. Baker**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** *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**

**Mr. Cody Eckenrode**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

Liturgist: We sing our praises to the Lord, for our God is good and worthy! We give our whole selves — our talents and financial resources and time — to the Church with the expectation that they be used to further God's dream for our world. Please commit yourself and give as you're able and let us offer it all with a Prayer of Dedication as is printed in our bulletin.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All:** *Gracious God, you call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in your love and provision. Give us courage to step out boldly and grant us faith sufficient to follow without fear. Take our lives and our gifts. Use them to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, your kingdom might come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.*

**HYMN**

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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**BENEDICTION<sup>6</sup>**

Pastor: Go now and invest your lives in the works of faith.  
Make a name for yourselves for generosity and compassion.  
Fulfill God's holy law  
by putting love into action as eagerly for others  
as you would for yourselves.

And may God be your defender and provider;  
May Christ Jesus dispel all that disturbs or disables you;  
and may the Holy Spirit make you rich in faith  
and loving and merciful in action.

**All:** *We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
in the name of Jesus the Christ.  
Amen.*

**SUNG BENEDICTION**

*Father, Bless Us as We Part* (Sing 2 times)

**Hymnal, #510**

*Father, bless us as we part; grant us peace that makes us free.  
Strengthen every trusting heart, with the love that comes from Thee. Amen.*

**POSTLUDE**

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<sup>6</sup> Nettleton, Nathan. Benediction: Proper 18. Located on April 18, 2022 at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/08/benediction-proper-18-b.html>.