

First Presbyterian Church - Welsh
15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

+ *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* # 281 (Presbyterian Hymnal)
*“The angel of the Lord... and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them
and took its place behind them.” (Exodus 14:19)*

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) **Exodus 15**

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation;

This is my God and I will praise him; my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

Who is like you, O LORD, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

+ *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy* **# 298 (PH)**

+ **Prayer of Adoration:** O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those forces which would seek to oppress us. You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us. Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you, O God, majestic in holiness, for there is none like you. May our worship today lead us to lives that in truth ‘reflect thanksgiving for the goodness’ of you, O Lord, who alone is our strength and salvation. Amen.

Call to Confession and Prayer

Gracious and loving God, despite what we have been promised by both the Word Written and the Word Made Flesh, we fall short of your plan for us. You lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another.

Take pity on us and have mercy on us, O God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. In silence we lift up to you those ways in which we have failed to live, to love, and to forgive as you, O Lord, would have us to do...

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, who paid the debt of our sin, we are forgiven! Amen!

+ *Gloria Patri* **# 577 (PH)**

Prayer of Illumination: Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Romans 14:1, 4, 7-8, 10-12

Pew Bible, N.T., p. 163

Matthew 18:21-35

Pew Bible, N.T., p. 20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Message

“Forgive Us Our Debts...”

Rev. Chan Willis

+ Affirmation of Faith

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

358 (PH)

Dedication of Our Offerings

+ Doxology

592 (PH)

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and “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”

+ Forgive Us Our Sin As We Forgive” (alternate tune)

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+ Charge and Benediction

+ Postlude