

**POTWIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Topeka, Kansas**

**Sunday November 10, 2024**

*32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Liturgical color: green

**PRELUDE**

**CHIMES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Gathering**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*Leader: In you O God we take refuge, we seek protection under your wings.*

**Unison: In your righteousness deliver us and rescue us. Incline your ear to us and save us.**

*Leader: Be to us a rock and a refuge, a strong fortress to save.*

**Unison: For you are our rock and our salvation, our God in whom we trust. We gather to praise your name, now and forever, Amen.**

**\*INVOCATION/OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Holy God, rebuild us we pray this day. Rebuild all the broken places in this world, this nation, our homes and in our hearts. May your steadfast love wash over the earth. May your Holy Spirit refresh every broken spirit. May your wisdom teach us the power of joy. Rebuild us with mercy we pray. Let us worship you this day and let us live lives that share your glory. In Christ name we ask it, Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” (#138 Blue Hymnal)

**Praise, Prayers, and Petitions**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION:**

**CORPORATE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION: (Unison)**

God of Hope and Safety

Like sheep we go astray. We forget that you promise that you will be with us at all times. We panic and begin running frantically, following every whim. We hear the Shepherd calling us, but we follow the other sheep and run away from you. Show us your tender mercy. Lead us back to your peaceful waters. Lead us back into your safe places. Restore our spirits. Fill us with your Spirit so that we might bear glad witness to your saving mercy, revealed to us in the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ, or Lord. It is in his name we ask it, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

*Leader: As God has forgiven us so let us forgive one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!*

**Unison: And also with you!**

*Leader: Please share the love and peace of Christ with each other as you feel comfortable.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**HYMN:** “This Is My Father’s World” ( #293 Blue Hymnal)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

(pg 16 in the Hymnal, Traditional version)

**\*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #577**

***The Word:***

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Illumination (Sung x2)**

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Psalm 23

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** John 10:11-18

**MESSAGE:** “Sheep May Safely Graze”

*Pastor Sue Ann Seel*

**MEDITATION ON THE MESSAGE:**

*Gwen Jones*

***Response to the Word***

**STATEMENT OF FAITH:** Excerpt from Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA, 1983

In life and in death we belong to God

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called, Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equal in God’s image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments.

We violate the image of God in others and in ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all the families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERTORY:**

*Gwen Jones*

### **DOXOLOGY:**

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" (#592 Blue Hymnal)

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE: Blessed be God forever.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "Live Into Hope"** (#332 Blue Hymnal)

### **\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

### **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father  
Siblings all are we  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony  
Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me