Responding to the Word

*Hymn (see insert) Llangloffan "Our Shame Feels Like a Spiral"

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Apostles' Creed 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.

Call to Stewardship

All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory arr. Dale Wood "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*Congregational Response Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth* **Doxology**

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.

*Offertory Prayer

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Gluten-free bread is in small cups on each tray.)

Communion Voluntary arr. Charles Callahan "Prelude on *Pleading Savior*"

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 543 Green Tyler

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Congregational Response 748 *Tallis' Canon* "Go with Us, Lord"

Go with us Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to you.

*Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

*Closing Voluntary arr. Pierce Dickens "Prelude on *Cwm Rhondda*"

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

August 4, 2019

10:40 A.M.

Unraveled Shame

*The congregation is invited to stand as music begins. Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. (Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshiping near you.)

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary arr. Dale Wood "Prelude on *O Waly Waly*"

Entrance of Baptismal Water and The Christ Light Chimes and the Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Jane Moss

We come here to draw water--

Thirsty for new life.

We come here to draw water--

Bringing our past and our present, our messy truths and our deepest scars.

We come here to draw water--

Carrying shame, and in need of grace.

Fortunately for us, God always meets us at the well. So breathe deeply and drink up.

God is here. The water is clean. Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 475 Nettleton

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Like the woman at the well, we so often are unraveled by shame. We carry shame for broken relationships. We carry shame for being unable to balance work and parenting, tithing and bills, productivity and Sabbath. We get stuck in a comparison game and in critical self-monologues, consumed with the nagging feeling that we should be able to do more. Forgive us for forgetting that we are made in your image. Forgive us for forgetting that you see us and love us as we are. Unravel the shame that unravels us. Gratefully we pray...

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 761 (v.1) Beecher

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Rusty Crownover, Dave Deison & Claire Varnon

"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

I don't know about tomorrow; I just live from day to day. I don't borrow from it's sunshine, for it's skies may turn to grey.

I don't worry o'er the future, for I know what Jesus said, And today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what lies ahead.

Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand But I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand.

Every step is getting brighter, as the golden stairs I climb; Every burden's getting lighter, every cloud is silver-lined.

There the sun is always shining, there no tear will dim the eye; At the ending of the rainbow, where the mountains touch the sky.

Children's Moment

The Rev. David A. Slyter

Children's Worship

Children up through 5th grade may leave the Sanctuary at this time. Following worship, parents should pick up their child in room 6.

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7 Pew Bible: Page 64

The Word of God for the People of God Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

John 4:1-29 Pew Bible: Page 94

The Word of God for the People of God **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz