

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
September 20, 2020

10:00 A. M.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.

People: Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.¹

Elder: Let us worship God.

***HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#43

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament:

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Elder

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 376). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 236). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.” But the Lord replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” “It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.” But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

Leader:

The Word of the Lord:

People:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 20:1—16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ “ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with

my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN

"Rescue the Perishing"

#299

SERMON

"What is Fair?"

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #421 (Verse 1)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#625

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

#267

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SONG**

"Freely, Freely" (V. 1)

#447

POSTLUDE

CHURCH WEBSITE

The church's website is www.schallerpresby.com

