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First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

July 16, 2023 10:00 a.m.

THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Becca Redding

PRELUDE Carole Makus, Piano

In the Presence of Jehovah

CALL TO WORSHIP

*My Life is in You *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Ancient Words

Sufficient Grace & Congregation Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Ava & Cole Logan, Lay Leaders

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

There are many ways to be unfaithful to what we have become through baptism, in our commitment and our obedience to God.

We offer God new our prayers of repentance.

We confess to You, Living God, our failure to live as brothers and sisters, and as Your children.

We confess to You, loving God,

that we have not loved You as You have loved us.

We confess to You, Gracious God,

that we have doubted Your word and failed to obey its teaching.

We confess to You, merciful God,

our desire to own You and contain You within our doctrines and theologies.

We confess to You, almighty God,

that we do not acknowledge You as Lord of all the earth.

Forgive us and redeem us for we have not allowed

Your presence to shine among us.

There are many ways in which we have failed in our commitment and obedience in our fellow men and women.

We turn towards our neighbors and our friends and offer them our prayers of repentance.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)

Ava & Cole Logan, Lay Leaders

God forgives those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel.

Since Jesus died for us, we have peace with God,

to whom be praise and honor for ever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Becca Redding

ADVENTURE TIME

ANTHEM

Here I Am Lord

Jim Gordon, Solo, Cathy Bullock, Clarinet & Carole Makus, Piano

Becca Redding

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering

There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Cathy Bullock, Clarinet & Carole Makus, Piano

*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. *Prayer of Dedication

Ava & Cole Logan, Lay Leaders

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Becca Redding

Our 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.

THE SCRIPTURES Ava & Cole Logan, Lay Leader

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Becca Redding, Guest Speaker

"Work Smarter Not Harder"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE Sufficient Grace & Congregation

Standing on the Promises – Hymn #271 (verses 1, 2 & 4)

*BENEDICTION Becca Redding

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION Sufficient Grace & Congregation

God Be With You – Hymn #602 (verses 1&2)

POSTLUDE Carole Makus, Piano

All Things Bright and Beautiful