

**Order of Worship**  
September 11th 2022 ~ 14th Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Peace**

**Call to Worship**

We worship the God who inhabits our world  
and indwells our lives.  
We need not look up to find God,  
we need only to look around:  
within ourselves,  
beyond ourselves,  
into the eyes of another.  
We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,  
we need only listen to the music of life,  
the words of children,  
the questions of the curious,  
the rhythm of a heartbeat.  
We worship the God who inhabits our world  
and who indwells our lives.  
**Amen.**

– posted on the Presbyterian Church USA

**Hymn**

*Give Me Faith*

**Verse 1**

I need You to soften my heart  
And break me apart  
I need You to open my eyes  
To see that You're shaping my life

**Pre-Chorus**

All I am  
I surrender

**Chorus**

Give me faith to trust what You say  
That You're good and Your love is  
great

I'm broken inside I give You my life

**Verse 2**

I need You to soften my heart  
And break me apart  
I need You to pierce through the  
dark  
And cleanse every part of me

**Pre-Chorus**

All I am  
I surrender

**Chorus**

Give me faith to trust what You say  
That You're good and Your love is  
great  
I'm broken inside I give You my life

**Bridge**

'Cause I may be weak  
But Your Spirit's strong in me  
My flesh may fail  
My God You never will  
(REPEAT)

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**Opening Prayer**

We've come to worship God,  
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,  
whose presence never leaves us,  
and whose love for us never ceases.  
This is our God.  
Let's worship together!  
**Amen.**

## Special Music

*Footprints In the Sand*  
Leona Lewis

*Spirit*

Per Magnusson, David Kreuger, Richard Page & Simon Cowell

## Scripture Reading

Bob Wolfe, reader

### ***Psalm 139***

#### **Good News Translation**

139 Lord, you have examined me and you know me.  
2 You know everything I do;  
from far away you understand all my thoughts.  
3 You see me, whether I am working or resting;  
you know all my actions.  
4 Even before I speak,  
you already know what I will say.  
5 You are all around me on every side;  
you protect me with your power.  
6 Your knowledge of me is too deep;  
it is beyond my understanding.  
7 Where could I go to escape from you?  
Where could I get away from your presence?  
8 If I went up to heaven, you would be there;  
if I lay down in the world of the dead, you would be there.  
9 If I flew away beyond the east  
or lived in the farthest place in the west,  
10 you would be there to lead me,  
you would be there to help me.

### ***Exodus 32:1-12***

#### **NIV**

32 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods[a] who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."  
2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods,[b] Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."  
5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord." 6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.  
7 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. 8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.'  
9 "I have seen these people," the Lord said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."  
11 But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. "Lord," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

*Making Assumptions and Jumping to Conclusions – Lessons from the Golden Calf*  
Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Prayers of the People**

Bob Wolfe, Reader

### **Offertory**

*Idols*

Jessa Anderson

### **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Him all creatures here below**

**Praise Him above ye heav'nly host**

**Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**

**Amen**

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### **Communion**

### **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **Closing Hymn**

*The Love Of God*

### **Verse 1**

The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell  
It goes beyond the highest star  
And reaches to the lowest hell  
The guilty pair bowed down with care  
God gave His Son to win  
His erring child He reconciled  
And pardoned from his sin

### **Chorus**

O love of God how rich and pure  
How measureless and strong  
It shall forevermore endure  
The saints and angels song

### **Verse 2**

When years of time shall pass away  
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall  
When men who here refuse to pray  
On rocks and hills and mountains call  
God's love so sure shall still endure  
All measureless and strong  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race  
The saints and angels song

### **Chorus**

O love of God how rich and pure  
How measureless and strong  
It shall forevermore endure  
The saints and angels song

### **Verse 3**

Could we with ink the ocean fill  
And were the skies of parchment made  
Were every stalk on earth a quill  
And every man a scribe by trade  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole  
Though stretched from sky to sky

### **Chorus**

O love of God how rich and pure  
How measureless and strong  
It shall forevermore endure  
The saints and angels song

## Closing Prayer

In our waking and arising  
In our eating and drinking  
In our walking and journeying  
In our working and serving  
be the first thought that enters our head  
In our sowing and harvesting  
In our rejoicing and sorrowing  
In our resting and sleeping  
be the first thought that enters our head  
We pray all of this in your strong name, Lord Jesus.  
**Amen.**

– John Birch – adapted

## Blessing

## Postlude

***Our love in action now begin***

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