

**The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island**  
**Sunday, November 8, 2020**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
***Stewardship Season***



***...Where We've Been***

Deuteronomy 32:7

Remember the days of old, consider the years long past; ask your father, and he will inform you; your elders, and they will tell you.

**"Gathering in God's presence..."**

**Prelude**

*St. Anne*

arr. Young

**Words of Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

St. Anne

***Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.***

***Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.***

***A thousand ages in Thy sight, Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night, Before the rising sun.***

***Time, like an ever rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream, Dies at the opening day.***

***Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.***

**Where We've Been – Dottie Thomas**

**Prayer of Confession**

*God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.*

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

*You have given us the gift of time. You have given us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time self-serving.*

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

*You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts.*

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

*You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future.*

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

*You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.*

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

*You have been with us, and we see your mighty deeds among us, and believe your promise. We still lack trust and faith.*

**Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

(Silent Prayer of Confession)

### **Assurance of Pardon**

While God knows our sin, God also hears our cries. In our sin, God still reaches out to forgive and restore us. Having confessed our sins, rejoice in forgiveness through Christ and live in God's love. Amen.

### **Musical Response**

*We Are Forgiven*

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***We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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### **Where We've Been – Jim Murray**

### **Hearing God's Word**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **The Scripture Read**

**Genesis 1:26-31**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

*...Where We've Been*

Rev. Ashley Sanders

## Where We've Been – Sam Plexico

### Our Response

### Prayers of the People & the 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.**

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## 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***

## Prayer of Dedication

## Benediction

## Postlude

*St. Anne*

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**...Sending in God's Name.”**

Leading Worship Today:  
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