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## **First Presbyterian Church**

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

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***Words to hymns are on the back of the bulletin***

**JUNE 27, 2021**

**10:00am**

**PRELUDE**

*Gather Us In*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship God in the community called church.

I wait for the Lord,

**my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

**more than those who watch for the morning.**

In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure.

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

*The Collect "For Quiet Confidence"*

O God of peace,

who hast taught us that

in returning and rest we shall be saved,

in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength:

by the might of thy Spirit life us, we pray thee, to thy presence,

where we may be still and know that thou art God.

## **HYMN:**

#24

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Because of such great mercy, God is ready to forgive all the ways we fail to live in faithfulness.

Relying on that mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gentle God, we bring before you our burdens, our long-standing misgivings about ourselves, and our need for reconciliation. You know how we have failed to live up to our own expectations and walk in your path. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have been barriers to your love, and we haven't been willing to reach across them. Help us to look honestly at ourselves, experience true repentance, touch your healing garment, and repair damaged relationships with others. Amen.**

*Time for Silent Confession*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand? But with God there is forgiveness; Christ gives us peace. Thanks be to God!**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

By the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us, O God. Show us who you are and who you are calling us to be, for the sake of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27

Mark 5:21–43

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Leslie Latham

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **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.**

## **CALL TO THE OFFERING**

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

**THE OFFERTORY**    *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Most holy God, who hears our prayers and answers them and gives us more than we can ask or imagine, accept these offerings and use them to your glory, that even now we might imitate your coming reign of justice, peace, and love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN:**        #307            *God of Grace and God of Glory*

## **CHARGE**

Christ has no body now but yours  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours  
Yours are the eyes through which he looks  
Compassion on this world  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours  
                  *-attributed to Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)*

## **BENEDICTION**

## **Hymns**

### **“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”**

1. God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,  
we your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.  
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.
2. Proudly we rise our modern cities, stately buildings, row on row.  
Yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,  
where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,  
lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.
3. We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;  
know the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;  
probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,  
facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.
4. As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,  
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.  
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

### **“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.