



## **First Presbyterian Church**

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

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**July 10, 2022**

**10:00 am**

**PRELUDE**    *The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor*

**arr. Kurt Ebsary**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Love the Lord your God,

**with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Love your neighbor as yourself,

**with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength, and with all your mind!**

Do this and you will live!

**Let us worship God!**

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

Holy God,

You call us to live out your justice and righteousness.

Help us to walk in your footsteps, so that we never lose our way.

Enable us to live and love in the way that you have taught us,

so that we can act in grace, even with those who we consider our enemies.

In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN:     *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying #469***

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The psalmist asks a question: how long?

How long will we live unjustly and show partiality,  
instead of loving as God has loved us?

Trusting in that love, let us confess our transgressions to the Lord.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God,

**We are your sons and daughters, descendants of the God most high,**

**yet, we do not behave to honor you and our actions belittle the love you have for us.**

**We do not defend the weak or those without fathers or mothers.**

**We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not commit to efforts to rescue  
the weak and the needy; we sometimes deliver them into solitude and neglect.**

**Rise up to judge us, O God. We prefer your merciful justice, than living with guilt and fear.**

**Straighten our path, so that we can be guided as a mother or a father guides beloved  
children. Amen.**

*Time for Silent Confession*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The triune God's unconditional love does not seek appearances or conditions,  
but loves in such a way, that we are restored to health and to wholeness.

Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy God, this is the time when we quiet our hearts and our minds, to pay attention— to *really* pay attention— to what you have to say to us today. Fill us with your Word, and give us understanding by your Holy Spirit, that having heard your Word, we may live lives worthy of you and please you in every way. **Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

### **Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### **Titus 2:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

**SERMON: "Benefits of Salvation"**

**Mr. Leon Weinsheimer**

## **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**

*Healer of Our Every Will*

arr. Kurt Ebsary

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Thank you God:

You are our soil, our food, our water, our sun, everything we need to grow. We offer these gifts to you, asking for your direction, as we work each day so that your kingdom of light becomes more and more of a reality in this world. Amen.

**\*HYMN:**     *Lift High the Cross #826*

## **CHARGE**

Go and bear fruit! Go and do!

Live a life that is worthy of the Lord.

Give joyful thanks to God through loving your neighbor,  
through doing justice, through speaking out,  
and through defending those who are weak and oppressed.

## **BENEDICTION**

May God fill you

with the knowledge of God's will.

May Jesus Christ, who has rescued you,

give you constant faith

to speak the true word of the gospel.

And may the Holy Spirit

guide you in wisdom and understanding,

so that the world can flower with the love of God.

We would like to thank Mr. Leon Weinsheimer for sharing his gifts with us today.

## Hymns

### **“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” #469**

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

(Sing 3x)

### **“Lift High the Cross” #826**

#### **Refrain**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

**(Refrain)**

2. All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

**(Refrain)**

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally. **(Refrain)**

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. **(Refrain)**