

First Presbyterian Church

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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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July 2, 2023

10:30am

PRELUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy"

John B. Dykes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

With joy and celebration, God welcomes us to this place.

How good it is to gather in God's house!

With joy and celebration, we welcome one another.

We greet each other by name; we are equal in God's Kingdom.

We open our hearts, to welcome God's love; we open our arms, to welcome God's people.

Here, every single one of God's children is welcome.

GATHERING PRAYER

O God, you are truly worthy to be praised for you are gracious, compassionate, and merciful. Send your Holy Spirit among us that we may hear your voice and praise your name, this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

***HYMN: "Fairest Lord Jesus" #630**

CRUSADERS' HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Created to live with one another and our God, we know the truth about our shattered lives and relationships. Yet, out of this brokenness, God shapes new people, giving every one of us a new start. Let us confess those things which separate us from one another, that we might be made one in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In your house, there is room for all; at your Table, we find a place set for us. But we admit, Inviting God, that we find it difficult to be as accepting as you and we find it easy to shoulder others away from your feast. You fling wide the doors to your kingdom, Welcoming God, but we are quick to try to shut them to those who are different from us. Your heart is open so that all might experience your grace, and we reluctantly remember our ungracious words and deeds. Forgive us, God of every person: heal our broken lives; mend our fragmented souls. Open our hearts to your vision of the Kingdom where all are welcome, all are affirmed, all are beloved - even as we receive these gifts from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Can it be any clearer? God has created us to be a family - sisters, brothers, neighbors, friends. No longer strangers, we are all welcome in the kingdom of love, grace, and hope.

In Christ, we are one. There are no barriers, no differences, no divisions. We are a new people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord, that as we hear these words of scripture this morning we might see you more clearly, and live in your light. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

¹After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you."

⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

¹⁴So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PSALM 13

¹How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

²How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

⁴and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶I will sing to the LORD,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "In the Garden"

C. Austin Miles

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "The Lord Will Provide"

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Chaffee

SERMON HYMN: "Amazing Grace" #649

AMAZING GRACE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever, Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God gave the only begotten Son
so that we may have eternal life through him.
Let us offer our thanksgiving with our gifts and our lives.

THE OFFERTORY "Like the Sun in the Kingdom"

Kurt Ebsary

DOXOLOGY: "Praise to God the Father" #605

DA N'ASE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Help us who have received so freely from you
to give as freely in our turn,
and so have the pleasure of giving
as well as the happiness of receiving.
Bless these gifts to your purpose and our lives to your service. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord who provides be with you!

And also with you!

Lift your hearts to the One who frees us from sin.

We rejoice in God, who delivers us from death's power.

Offer songs of joy and wonder to the One who welcomes you to this Table.

We will sing to God, whose bounty fills our lives, our hearts, our souls.

With great joy and thanksgiving.....all creation praising your name:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God who does not forget us.
All creation trusts in your steadfast love.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who gives a cup of living water to the thirsty.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, God of constant love.....that mystery we call faith:
**Christ died, welcoming death on our behalf;
Christ rose, welcoming the gift of resurrection on our behalf;
Christ will return, on our behalf, so we might not lose our reward.**

You send your Spirit to rest.....God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!
And forget not all God's benefits.

***HYMN: "Seed, Scattered and Sown" #531**

SEED SCATTERED

CHARGE

May God our Father bless you
Blessed, we will go to be a blessing to others.
May Christ bless you
Blessed, we will go to be healers of a world that is hurting.
May the Holy Spirit bless you
Blessed, we will spread the hope that only the triune God can inspire and give to this world.

BENEDICTION

May the love of God, and the grace of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you this day, and remain with you always. Amen

PRAYER CONCERNS

The prayer concerns have recently been updated. If you have a prayer request, please contact **Pastor Rebecca at 315-317-6140 or the church office at 716-692-1319.**

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 2

10:30 am

Worship for all ages (Sanctuary)

11:30am

Coffee Fellowship for all ages (Parlor)

Monday, July 3

10:00 am

Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Tuesday, July 4

Fourth of July Holiday (Office Closed)

Wednesday, July 5

9:00am – 2:00pm

Office Hours

Thursday, July 6

9:00am – 2:00pm

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10:00am

Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Saturday, July 8

10:00am

Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

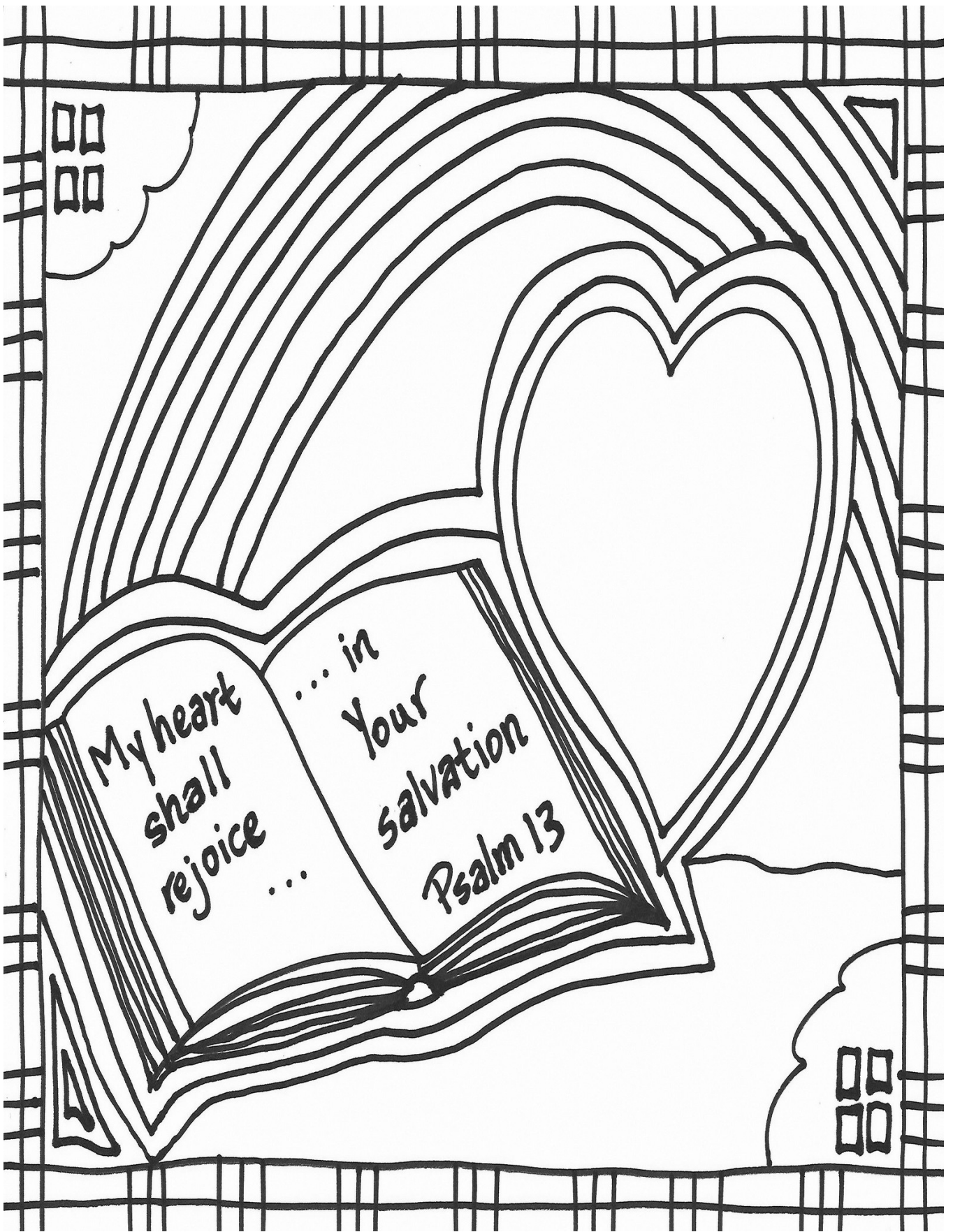
Sunday, July 9

10:30 am

Worship for all ages (Sanctuary)

11:30am

Coffee Fellowship for all ages (Parlor)



My heart
shall
rejoice ...

... in
Your
salvation
Psalm 13