



First Presbyterian Church

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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

July 3, 2022

10:00am

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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PRELUDE *America the Beautiful*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful:
give thanks in holy remembrance.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, you are for all the world a river of shelter and nourishment,
a city of joy and riches, the defender of those you love.
Take us into your arms again this day and feed us with the power of
your comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

HYMN: *Amazing Grace #649*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Secure in the promise of God's knowledge of us,
and trusting in God's readiness to forgive,
let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Source of all that gives us life, we have turned away from your authority
to our own small concerns. Forgive us for our failure to bear one another's
burdens, for boasting of anything but your cross, for believing in our own
power to justify our lives, and for denying your call to take comfort in
you alone. Lead us to the river of life that in all we do, we may honor your
name. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of the one who died and rose for us, and by the authority of the church's
ordination, I declare to you full forgiveness of your sins for new life.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

SERMON:

Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrié

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only
Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 *The Old Rugged Cross*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In you, O God, we take refuge. You are the source of all our hope, the font of all wisdom. You created the world and feed it daily. You cradle your people in safety. You call your creatures everywhere to grow and live according to your purposes. You sent us your Son to give life and vision. You guard us with your Holy Spirit even in the midst of those who would destroy what you have made. Let these gifts be signs of your creative hand in the places where there is need. Bless the work of your people. We ask this in the name of the one who knows us through and through— Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SONG BEFORE COMMUNION *Come to the Table of Grace #507*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN: *My Country 'Tis of Thee #337*

CHARGE

Lean on the nourishment of the Lord,
that it may feed you to work for the good of all.
Let the cross be your boasting and your pride
and the people of God your family.
Reaping what we sow,
bearing one another's burdens,
let the harvest be pleasing
in the sight of God.

BENEDICTION

We would like to thank Rev. Pierre Albrecht-Carrié for sharing his gifts with us today.

HYMNS

"Amazing Grace" #649

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

- 4 The Lord hath promised good to me, his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

“Come to the Table of Grace” #507

- 1 Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.

- 3 Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

- 4 Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.

- 5 Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.

“My County ‘Tis of Thee” #337

- 1 My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, f thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside let freedom ring!

- 2 My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

- 3 Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

- 4 Our fathers' God to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light,
Protect us by Thy might, great God our King.

Scripture Lessons

2 Kings 5:1-14

¹Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

²Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

⁴Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. ⁵"By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents^[b] of silver, six thousand shekels^[c] of gold and ten sets of clothing. ⁶The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

⁷As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

⁸When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

¹¹But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

¹³Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵ “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’

¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”