

Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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First Presbyterian Church
August 9, 2020
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Proper 14

Prelude: Prelude in F Major

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: God speaks peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

All: **Surely salvation is at hand
for those who fear God.**

One: Where God dwells,
steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

All: **Faithfulness springs up from the ground
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
God gives what is good
and we respond with abundant praise!**

Opening Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

No. 142

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Holy God,
you speak to us in a voice unexpected
and come to us in ways we do not recognize.
Never leaving us to our own devices or defenses,
you are the ever-present, all-powerful God.
Call us out in faith again and again,
until we learn to walk with you
in steadfast love and faithfulness, and in peace.
In the name of the One who comes to us upon the waters,
Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

The psalmist tells us
that when we turn to God in our hearts,
God speaks peace to the faithful.
As we turn to God in true confession of our sin,
we trust in God,
whose shalom makes us whole.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God,
you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things.
We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear.
We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship.
We are not able to fulfill your commandments,
for our purposes are never in full accord with yours.
Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips
but do not believe in our hearts.
Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances.
Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy.
Though we are distracted by noise all around,
allow us to hear your voice
even when it is the sound of stillness and silence.
We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (*singing in unison*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus is Lord!
God raised him from the dead
and we are saved through him.
This is the good news to share with all people!
Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri (*singing in unison*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Enlightening God,
your word is very near,
on our lips and in our hearts.
As this Word is read and proclaimed,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
make it become in us the word of faith.

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Prayer of Illumination (continued)

Then send us in joy
to bring this word to others
who also need the good news of salvation.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 85:8-13

P. 543-544 in the Old Testament

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

Congregational Hymn: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

No. 404

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

P. 16 in the New Testament

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Sermon: Standing on the Storm Waves with Peter

Rev. Jim DeMent

Matthew 14:29: So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

Silence and stillness

Congregational Hymn: “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

No. 399

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
We trust in God, the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Hornpipe from "Water Music"



From A Brief Statement of Faith

G.F. Handel

We have reproduced below the lyrics of the hymns that Robert Wyatt will be playing for this "Virtual Worship Service." All the hymns below are either in the public domain or have been reproduced, under license, from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville: 1990). We encourage you to read and sing along at home, as Robert plays the hymns he has selected with comfort, hope, strength, and courage in, now, the Season after Pentecost. Follow the verses in this order:

Verse 1
Verse 2

Verse 3
Verse 4

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found.

That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light,
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.



First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas
welcomes
Ms. Muriel Margaret Cotman
as she assists us in our
Ministry of Music.

Muriel is now a sophomore at Victoria College, Texas,
where she has been awarded an academic scholarship to study music.

A young woman after our own heart,
Muriel is a student member of the
Presbyterian Association of Musicians
as well as of the National College of Musicians Piano Guild and
a collegiate member of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

We are delighted and appreciative that Muriel
can play for us during our worship services
for August 9, 16, and 27, 2020, while Robert
Wyatt, our faithful Choirmaster, enjoys a well
deserved 3-week vacation.

Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Kathryn Amsler	Gloria Aouelle	Ruth Ann Barnard	Roxanna Hauschild
Claire Heger	Leonard “Mac” McCameron	Roland Merrill	Rickey Ramseur
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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

**All activities suspended,
pending further notice,
due to public health concerns.**

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Paula Leske, Presbyterian Women
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Kids for Christ, Vacation Bible School

Bulletin Cover

The art on our Bulletin cover is called the “Navicella mosaic” and was created by the Florentine painter and architect Giotto di Bondone (ca. 1266-1337). The Navicella (meaning, “little boat”) was first located in the original (or “old”) Saint Peter’s Basilica in Rome where Giotto created it in the early 14th Century. During the intervening centuries, the work suffered from neglect, relocation, and imprecise restoration, although it is still impressive in its current iteration. It can now be found in the portico of the present (or “new”) Saint Peter’s Basilica, facing the entrance to the church.

The mosaic captures the moment Christ catches Peter by the hand, just as he is about to be swallowed by the waves. Giotto has embellished Matthew’s account of this story by adding images of the four Gospel-writers at the top of the mosaic, together with two pagan gods to the left and the right below them. These are the gods of the winds that are creating the waves that batter the *navicella*. In the bottom right corner is a kneeling clergyman, presumably the cardinal who commissioned Giotto for the work, and in the bottom left corner is a fisherman who is completely out of place, given that Matthew says the disciples’ boat was “far from land” (Matt. 14:24).

Clergy, Music, and Administration

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor
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