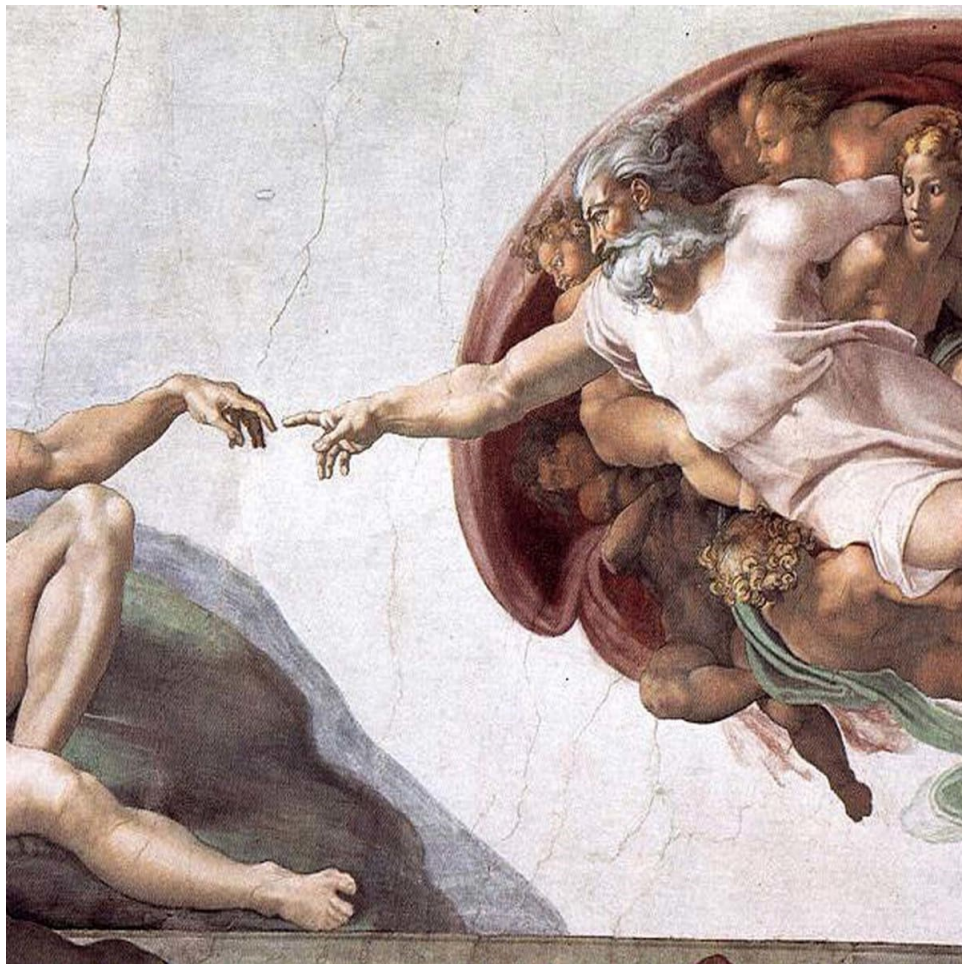


Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



JUNE 6, 2021

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First Presbyterian Church
June 6, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 5

*Facemasks are optional for those
who have been fully vaccinated, but
you are always welcome to wear your mask
and you will always be respected.
Social distancing is still maintained.
If you wish to sing aloud,
please sit in the front half of the Sanctuary.*

Prelude: Fanfare on “St. Gertrude”

- Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

Welcome and Announcements

*** Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you!**

Call to Worship

One: With God, there is:
Forgiveness.
All: **Steadfast love.**
One: Great power to redeem.
All: **We wait for the Lord, who is our hope.
Through the long night,
we watch for God more passionately
than for the sun’s first light!**

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Once, dear God, we could hear you
walking in the garden
at the time of the evening breeze.
Now, you call across the distance, “Where are you?”
And we echo back the same question,
“Where are you?”
You wait and watch for us;
we wait and watch for you.
Help us to see beyond the temporary to the eternal
so that we do not lose heart.

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**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Prayer of the Day *(continued)*

Through the life, death, and resurrection
of Jesus Christ,
help us to trust that our frailty
is received into your hospitable house in the heavens.
Renew us day by day
until we come again into your presence,
where the weight of your glory
lifts us in grace and light.
In Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

* **Opening Hymn:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

No. 464

* **Invitation to Confession**

If God kept track of sins,
who would stand a chance?
But with God, there is forgiveness.
May God hear our request for mercy.

* **Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

**Merciful God,
we try to hide from your presence,
knowing that we have traded your abundant life
for a wasteland of sin.
We have not followed your will,
but instead heed other voices
and pursue our own desires at the expense of others.
We are so misguided that we cannot discern
good from evil,
making the wrong choice,
choosing the wrong side.
We ask for the courage to tell you truthfully
what we have done.
We pray for forgiveness
so that we can live with ourselves,
with others,
and with you.
You alone can restore us.
In steadfast love, look upon us
and reclothe us in your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* **Kyrie Eleison** *(unison)*

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

* **Assurance of Pardon**

Brothers and sisters,
do not lose heart.
We are being renewed day by day
through the grace of Christ extended to us.
Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* **Gloria Patri** *(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 for Illumination

We are waiting, O God, to hear your Word,
for in your Word is our hope.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
may we hear your voice
and be attentive to what you will say to us today.
In the name of Christ,
we ask this and all things. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26-28 & Genesis 2:7-9, 15-23 P.P. 2-3 in the Old Testament

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

. . .then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

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First Scripture Reading *(continued)*

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Anthem: The Old Rugged Cross

- *George Benivard, 1873-1958*
Played by C.F. Schneider

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

P.34 in the New Testament

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Sermon: “God’s Image”

Jim Stokes

Genesis 1:26: Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, . . .

Silence and stillness

* **Congregational Hymn:** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

No. 473

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Something for Thee

- *Robert Lowery, 1826-1899*

* **Doxology** *(unison)*

* **Prayer of Dedication** *(unison)*

**In the spirit of faith, Great God,
we thank you for the opportunity
to give tithes and offerings,
to participate in extending your grace
to more and more people,
and to give all glory to you. Amen.**

* **Affirmation of Faith (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 at 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.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

* **Closing Hymn** *(unison)*: “Guide Me, o Thou Great Jehovah”

No. 281

***Charge** *(unison)*

**Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.**

Benediction

Postlude: Sicilian Mariners’ Hymn

- *Sicilian Melody*



Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory , Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill is with the light of day.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o’er us,
Joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads is sunward
In the triumph song of life.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,

For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love,

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.



For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight,

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This hymn of grateful praise.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

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Kathleen McCameron

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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Sunday, June 13

10:30 AM Worship Service
* Lord's Supper

*A copy of our
"COVID-19 Pandemic
Public Health and Safety Protocols
for In-Person Gatherings
at the Church
Updated on the Day of Pentecost
May 23, 2021"
can be obtained as you enter the church
or at our website:
www.fpcofvictoria.org.*

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Henry Hauschild, Historian

Pastor's Notes

Our Bulletin cover this morning is a detail from Michelangelo's iconic painting (1508-1512) on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Saint Peter's Basilica, Vatican City. In the Biblical account, God created the first man and woman on the sixth day: "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27).

Has Michelangelo captured the moment when God is extending his finger to give the breath of life to the first man, and with it also convey God's image? Or, has the act been completed, and God is withdrawing his finger, thus revealing how his creation appears externally and leaving us to wonder what it means to have God's image within us in a manner that no artist can capture?

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