

Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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First Presbyterian Church
June, 19 2022 10:30 a.m.
Proper 7

Prelude: Faith

- Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

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

Call to Worship

One: There is no longer Jew or Greek,
All: **there is no longer slave or free,**
One: there is no longer male and female:
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
All: **We are children of God through faith.**

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Living God,
you call us to yourself
so that we may live in wholeness
with ourselves and our neighbors.
Unchain your people
and set us free to rejoice in your saving word,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Live Into Hope"

No. 332

*Invitation to Confession

Trusting in the mercy of God,
let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*



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

**Merciful and gracious God,
we walk in a way that is not good.
We follow our own devices.
We ignore your image in ourselves and in our neighbors.
Do not turn away from us, O God,
but hear our cry for blessing.
Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit.
Guide us into your light
so that we may walk in your way. Amen.**

***Kyrie Eleison**

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

You belong to Christ and are heirs of the promise of freedom.
In full assurance of justification by grace through faith,
by the authority of God's beloved Son,
I declare to you the absolute forgiveness of all your sins.
In the name of the blessed Trinity, One God. **Amen.**
Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri**

**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

As you spoke to the Legions, O God,
speak now to the forces that surround us.
By your Spirit, let your word illumine the darkness,
and your light break through our delusions,
that we may see your truth. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

P. 189 in the New Testament

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Organ Anthem: The Solid Rock of Ages

*-T. Hastings, 1830 / W. B. Bradbury, 1863
E. L. Ashford, 1901 / R. H. Wyatt, 2017*

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 8:26-39

P. 68 in the New Testament

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Sermon: For all the Children of God

Vicar Margaret L. Jackson

Galatians 3:23-29: "For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ. "

Silence and stillness

***Congregational Hymn:** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

No. 379

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Be Still My Soul

-Jean Sibelius, 1899

***Doxology** (*unison*)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

With these gifts, O God,
we remember with thanksgiving
the life that we have because of you.
Make us grateful every day
for the privilege of offering ourselves
for the well-being of all your world. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn:** “My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

No. 383

Charge

Benediction

Postlude: O Christ, The Healer

-German Tune, 1543 / *harmn.* Johann Sebastian Bach, 1725

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Verse 1
Verse 2

Verse 3
Verse 4

Live Into Hope

Live into hope of captives freed,
Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
The year of God’s own jubilee!

Live into hope of liberty,
The right to speak, the right to be,
The right to have one’s daily bread,
To hear God’s word and thus be fed.

Live into hope the blind shall see,
With insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear
A vision of God brought near.

Live into hope of captives freed
From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
To faith and hope and joy and peace.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee,
 Thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Savior divine:
 Now hear me while I pray,
 Take all my guilt away,
 O let me from this day
 Be wholly thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
 Strength to my fainting heart,
 My zeal inspire;
 As thou hast died for me,
 O may my love to Thee
 Pure, warm, and changeless be,
 A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
 And griefs around me spread,
 Be Thou my guide:
 Bid darkness turn to day,
 Wipe sorrow's tears away,
 Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside!

When ends life's transient dream,
 When death's cold, sullen stream
 Shall o'er me roll,
 Blest Savior, then, in love,
 Fear and distrust remove;
 O bear me safe above,
 A ransomed soul!



Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Gloria Aouelle	Bette Austin	Bette Burris	Nathan Galvan (Son of Leila Galvan)
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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Sunday, June 26
 10:30 AM Worship Service

**FPC Victoria Servant Leadership
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Other

Lynn McAuley, Presbyterian Women
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Father's Day Prayer

Lord, thank you for all fathers.
 For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.
 For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life.
 For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children. For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens. For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini adults.
 For the father uncles, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews.
 For all granddads, who love and support their precious grandchildren.
 For the foster dads that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones.
 For the Sunday dads who care for our children and lead them in faith.
 For the dads who give far beyond their own resources, who overcome disability to cherish and love.
 Thank you, Lord, for all our beautiful fathers.
 Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers.
 May you bless them now on this their special day.
 And let the Church say.....Amen.

Clergy, Music, and Administration

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor
 Robert Wyatt, Organist/Choirmaster
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