

Welcome All
to
Sunday Worship Service



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First Presbyterian Church
June, 26 2022 10:30 a.m.
Proper 8

Prelude: Forward in Faith

-David Paxton, 1988

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Call to Worship

One: Jesus calls to the crowds with warnings.
Jesus calls to the converts to follow him.
Jesus calls to the resisters with parables of rejection.
Jesus calls to you: "Proclaim the kingdom of God."
And the people answer:

All: **Thanks be to God
for life and health and all goodness.**

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Holy and gracious God,
you call us to ventures that cannot be foretold,
to paths we do not know.
Be our guide, through your word,
and feed us with your assurance
that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

No. 417

***Invitation to Confession**

Clothed with the mantle of baptism
and protected by God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

Merciful God,
we confess that we desire what is not your will.
We fear failure
and cling to unquestioned habits.
We are truly sorry and repent
of what we have done
and what we have not done.
Show us the path of your prophetic way.
Open our eyes to new ventures.
Help us love our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us and renew us,
in the name of life abundant,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Kyrie Eleison**

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, and peace
given to you through God's grace.
By the power vested in me
as a minister of the church of Jesus Christ,
I proclaim that you are forgiven.
Live in the word of the Lord and be made new.
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

Your word, O God,
reveals your will for our lives.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
give us each the wisdom to attend to your call every day,
and make us ready to hear and obey.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

P. P. 190-191 in the New Testament

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Anthem: The Summons

-John Bell, 1987 / Traditional Scottish Melody

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 9:51-62

P. P. 70-71 in the New Testament

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Sermon: "...as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God"

Vicar Margaret L. Jackson

Galatians 5:1, 13-25: "Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness."

Silence and stillness

***Congregational Hymn:** “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

No. 388

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Jesus Calls Us

-William H. Jupe, 1874

***Doxology** (*unison*)

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

Take these gifts, O God, for the work of this church.
Let them stand as signs of your love and faithfulness.
In the name of the one who gave himself for us, we pray. 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:** “Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said”

No. 393

Charge

Benediction

Postlude: O That I Had a Thousand Voices

-Johann Balthasar Konig, 1738

We have reproduced below the lyrics of the hymns selected for this morning’s 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) or from Christian Copywrite Licensing International (*ccli.com*). If you are worshipping with us from home, we encourage you to sing along. Follow the verses in this order:

Verse 1
Verse 2

Verse 3
Verse 4

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted loving-kindness
Hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.

Here bestow to all Your servants
What they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might, and one in glory,
While unending ages run.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.

Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said

Take up your cross, the Savior said,
If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,
And humbly follow after Me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.

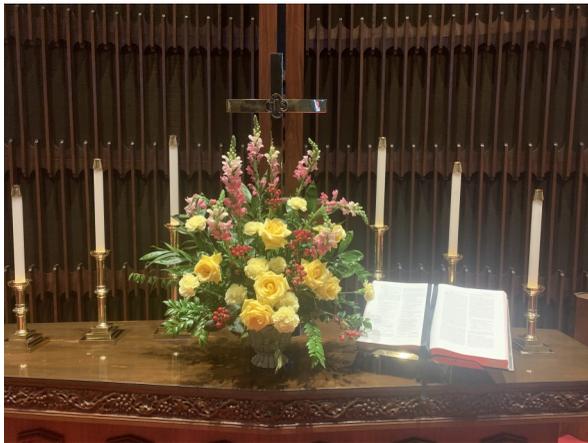
Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
And let your foolish heart be still;
The Lord for you accepted death
Up on a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
And calmly every danger brave:
It guides you to abundant life
And leads to victory o'er the grave.

In memory of the May 28th passing of our beloved member, Kathryn Amsler, her son Tom Amsler had the beautiful flowers on last Sunday's altar delivered.

Kathryn joined the First Presbyterian Church of Victoria upon moving to Victoria from the Austin area to be near her son, Tom, more than 15 years ago. She was a treasured member of the Adele Carsner Circle and attended faithfully until her health no longer allowed her to do so. She was a woman of strong faith with a loving soul, and she will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by our membership.

If you would like to leave a comment, or memory for the family, the link will take you to her memorial page. <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/victoria-tx/kathryn-amsler-10770949>



Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Gloria Aouelle

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Bette Burris

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(Son of Leila Galvan)

Kathleen McCameron

Linda Patterson

Maria Pezeski
(Mother of Leila Galvan)

Mikey Ruddock

Jim Stokes

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(Daughter of Lea Lenz)

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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Sunday, July 3

10:30 AM Worship Service

Lord's Supper

FPC Victoria Servant Leadership Session Members

Jim DeMent, Moderator
Francis Byrne, Mission & Outreach
John Horadam, Buildings & Grounds
Lynn McAuley, Asst. Clerk, Caregiving & Fellowship
Dawn Neel, Finance, Assistant Treasurer, Worship
Patrick Patterson, Buildings and Grounds
Becky Richter, Christian Education, Personnel
Suzanne Salinas, Mission & Outreach, Worship
Gayla Whitaker, Caregiving & Fellowship
Bonnie Wilkinson, Clerk of Session, Personnel

Other

Lynn McAuley, Presbyterian Women
Melissa Samudio, Presbyterian Day School
Jim Stokes, Treasurer
Henry Hauschild, Historian

Notes

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

Clergy, Music, and Administration

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor
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