

Welcome All
to a
Sunday Worship Service
of
Song and Praise



JUNE 11, 2023

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First Presbyterian Church
June 11, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 5
Congregational Sing Along

Prelude: Amazing Grace

arr. Lynn Hodges, 1990

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

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

Call to Worship

One: Return to the One Holy God who calls you
to steadfast love.
The Lord desires love, not sacrifice.
Return to the One who heals and binds,
revives and raises up.

All **The Lord desires knowledge, not burnt offerings**
Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation
with light and life.

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Holy God, creator of the universe, author of faith itself,
infuse your people with trust
so that as you have given life to your people
throughout the ages,
we too might know the true healing that comes
from your steadfast word,
through Christ Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Congregational Singing:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
“Morning Has Broken”
“This is My Father’s World”
“Here I Am, Lord”

No. 276
No. 469
No. 293
No. 525

***Invitation to Confession**

Let us turn and return to the One who desires
to hear our confession
and waits to grant us grace.

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

**Merciful God,
your word and your promises come to us
when our hearts are full with rejoicing
and when our hearts fall with sorrow for our failings.
The gifts you have given us
we have not shared with our neighbors.
By overt acts and by omission,
we diminish your creation.
We deceive ourselves about our true nature,
and we do not honor your desire for Earth
and all her creatures.
We beg your mercy. Forgive us.
Help us to amend our lives
in accord with your admonitions.
Show us the pathway toward healing
and give us peace,
in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

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

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

Assurance of Pardon

The God of mercy desires the well-being
of all people and creatures.
The God of Abraham and Sarah, of the prophets,
of Paul and Mary Magdalene,
gives life and makes new what is old.
that you may have abundance and joy.

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

May your word fall into our hearts this day, O God,
as breath comes into dust,
as water feeds rivers and fields,
rich with healing,
abundant, alive, and true. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

P. 552 in the Old Testament

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

One: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Piano Anthem: Medley of Familiar Hymns
Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
The Old Rugged Cross

- C.F. Schneider
Elizabeth Cecilil Douglas Clephane, 1868
Fanny Crosby, 1869
George Bennard, 1873-1958

Congregational Singing:

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”	<i>Handout</i>
“Faith of our Fathers”	<i>Handout</i>
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	<i>No. 403</i>
“Be Thou My Vision”	<i>No. 339</i>

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “We Gather Together” - *Netherlands Folk Tune*
“Be Still, My Soul” - *Jean Sibelius, 1899*

***Doxology** (*unison*)

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

Lord of all creation,
we offer with thanksgiving what is not ours
but what we have received from you.
Bless these gifts for the sake of
our sisters and brothers in this world.
Let your word of abundant life go out into all the lands,
bringing food and forgiveness, in Jesus’ name. 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.

Lord’s Prayer

***Congregational Singing:**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”	<i>No. 383</i>
“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”	<i>No. 379</i>
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	<i>No. 404</i>
“Onward Christian Soldiers	<i>Handout</i>

***Congregational Response** (*unison*)

Linda Spevacek-Avery

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,

the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Postlude: I’ll Fly Away
When We All Get to Heaven

- *Albert E. Brumley*
- *Emily D. Wilson, 1865-1942*



[Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests](#)

Gloria Aouelle

Bette Austin

Joey Farrell

Nathan Galvan
(Son of Leila Galvan)

Maria Pezeski
(Mother of Leila Galvan)

Bain Rogers
(Bob & Gayla Whitakers Grandson)

Mikey Ruddock

Carol Wisdom
(Daughter of Lea Lenz)

For caregiving concerns—please contact:
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Sunday, June 18

9:30 AM Kingdom Kids— Sunday School for children ages 5-12

10:30 AM Worship Service

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The Preface to the Presbyterian Hymnbook of 1955 (universally known among Presbyterians as “The Red Hymnal”) contains this observation:

The Christian religion is a singing faith, and thus stands in striking contrast to most of the great religions of [humanity]. From the dawn of creation, when ‘the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy’ [Job 38:7], psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs have been vehicles of the faith, the aspiration, and the joy of God’s people. The corporate praise and choral prayer of a worshipping congregation have been characteristic expressions of its response to divine grace.”

As we make a joyful noise to the LORD this morning, as we worship Him with gladness, and as we come into His presence with singing, let us enjoy ourselves mightily, knowing that that the LORD is God, it is He that made us, and we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture (Psalm 100).

[Clergy, Music, and Administration](#)

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor
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