

June 9, 2024

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE PRELUDE

"Méditation" from *Thais*

Jules Massenet

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

All **On the day I called, you answered me.**

One God's steadfast love endures forever.

All **Thanks be to God!**

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 611

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Hymn to Joy; Ludwig von Beethoven

Henry van Dyke

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 dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

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.

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 us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 722, verse 1**

"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

Canonbury; Robert Schumann

Frances Ridley Havergal

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Announcements

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM

Psalm 138

One I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
All I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

One When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
**All All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
One They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
**All Though you are high, you care for the lowly;
you perceive the haughty from afar.**
One Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your mighty hand shall save me.
**All O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me;
your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

“Louange à l’Immortalité de Jésus”

Olivier Messiaen

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 8:1-13, 15-20, 11:14-15

When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel’s leaders. The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice. So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.” But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”

Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ... He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.” But the people

refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.”

Then Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul king in the presence of the Lord. There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the Lord, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Following the Children’s Moment, those in PreK through 5th grades may return to their seats. Childcare is available for infants and children up to age 4 in room 109 of the education wing.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 3:20-35

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.” So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.” He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.” “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

***THE HYMN . . . no. 424**

“Out of the Depths”

Aus tiefer not
Martin Luther

Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me calling.
Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling.
Do not regard my sinful deeds. Send me the grace my spirit needs;
without it I am nothing.

All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with favor.
All our good works are done in vain without our Lord and Savior.
We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us from the grip of death;
our lives are in your keeping.

In you alone, O God, we hope. and not in our own merit.
We rest our fears in your good word; uphold our fainting spirit.
Your promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my strong support;
I wait for it with patience.

My soul is waiting for you, Lord, as one who longs for morning;
no watcher waits with greater hope than I for your returning.
I hope as Israel in the Lord, who sends redemption through the Word.
Praise God for grace and mercy!

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

- The Apostles' Creed

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at fpcevv.com/giving

“Sarabande-Double” from *Partita No. 1 for solo violin* Johann Sebastian Bach

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606 *Old Hundredth*

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Thomas Ken

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

THE PRAYERS

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

One . . . come, come, O Holy Spirit,

All hear our prayer.

The Silent Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 307

Cwm Rhondda; John Hughes

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Harry Emerson Fosdick

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;

crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,

for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!

From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,

for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

***THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

"Esti Dal"

Zoltán Kodály

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Anna von Winckler
Liturgist	Scott Wylie
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Violin	Jack Bogard

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Tomorrow morning, **June 10**, Gail Riecken and others from First Pres will prepare a simple **lunch** of sloppy joes, corn, salad, and dessert for our neighbors at **United Caring Services**. Many hands make light work, so text Gail at 812-550-2328 and say you'll add your hands to the effort - or plan to join them in July or August!

This week, Evansville and First Pres are host to one of only four intergenerational choir camps in the country. Plan now to attend a few of the public worship services by the **RSCM Midwest Summer Choral Residency** during the week:

Tuesday, June 11, 5:00 p.m.	Neu Chapel, UE Campus
Wednesday, June 12, 5:00 p.m.	Neu Chapel, UE Campus
Wednesday, June 12, 9:00 p.m.	Neu Chapel, UE Campus
Friday, June 14, 5:00 p.m.	Saint Benedict Cathedral
Friday, June 14, 9:00 p.m.	Saint Benedict Cathedral
Saturday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.	Saint Benedict Cathedral
Sunday, June 16, at 10:30 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 9

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
4:30 p.m. Iona Group
5:30 p.m. First Light

Wednesday, June 12

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, June 13

5:00 p.m. PNC

Friday, June 14

Church Office Closed

Monday, June 10

6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Saturday, June 15

Tuesday, June 11

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting



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