

WELCOME TO SUMMERTIME WORSHIP!

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Pride Sunday

June 27, 2021

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Service



GATHER

*We gather on the Front Lawn, our Summertime Sanctuary.
Please wear a mask, and observe physical distance.
Take a breath, wave to your neighbor, and let's worship God!*

Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.

Prelude

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The realm of God is springing to life.

See, everything is becoming new!

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.

Prayer for the Morning

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Maker of all, we are your children,
the creatures of your kindness,
the bearers of your image.

**This day, we will walk by your light,
follow your Son and live by your Spirit.**

This day we will not offer to you offerings that cost us nothing.

**For this is the day that you have made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Amen.

(As we listen to the hymn, read the words, or perhaps hum softly.)

Love Astounding

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HOLY MANNA
William Moore, Columbia Harmony 1825

1. Love a - stound - ing, Love con - found - ing_ lim - its_ fear - ful minds im - pose.
2. Love re - ceiv - ing Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,

Love re - new - ing, Love pur - su - ing_ ev - ery_ heart un - til it knows
faith re - gain - ing, hope pro - claim - ing, Love has taught us, we be - long

Love's trans - form - ing, heal - ing_ good - ness, Love's a - bid - ing gen - tle_ grace,
safe with - in Love's ten - der_ keep - ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent_ call.

Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing strong em - brace.
Love de - fend - ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of_ God en - fold - ing all.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Maker of all:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life:

Have mercy on us.

Living God,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

against one another,

and against the earth entrusted to our care.

Trusting you does not always come easy.

We do not believe that love conquers fear.

We are not convinced that power comes through weakness.

We cannot conceive how you could heal us.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Renew our trust in you,

and return us to health and wholeness.

(We pause for quiet, personal prayer.)

Assurance of Grace

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*(During these pandemic days, we share peace with a nod or a bow,
perhaps with hand on heart or folded hands, or with the ASL sign for peace.)*

ENCOUNTER

A Chime calls us to listen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Mark 5:21-43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

Thoughts on the Lesson

A Very Small Incident

Sue Lowcock Harris

RESPOND AND SERVE

Affirmation of Faith *(together)*

from The Iona Community

We believe in God,
whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil
that waits to enslave us all,
and whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore,
though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,
in God we trust;
and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth
and to share the common wealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,
for the glory of God.
Amen.

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

We pray to you, O God:
Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer *(together)*

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.

The Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

SEND AND BLESS

Hymn

For Everyone Born a Place at the Table
verses 1 & 5

True

For ev - ery one — born a place at the ta — ble, for
 For wo - man and — man, a place at the ta - ble, re -
 For young and for — old, a place at the ta - ble, a
 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a -
 For ev - ery one — born, a place at the ta - ble, to

ev - ery one — born, clean wa - ter and bread, — a
 vis - ing the — roles, de - cid - ing to share, — with
 voice to be — heard, a part in the song, — the
 bus - er, a — bused, with need to for - give, — in
 live with - out — fear, and sim - ply to be, — to

shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for ev - ery one —
 wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for wo - man and —
 hands of a child in hands kind and wrink - ed, for young and —
 an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for just and un -
 work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - ery one —

born, a star ov - er head. — And God
 man, a sys - tem that's fair. —
 old, the right to be long. —
 just, a new way to live. —
 born, the right to be free. —

will de - light — when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy, — yes, God will de - light — when we are cre - a -
 - tors of jus - tice — ju - tice and joy! —

(As we listen to the hymn, read the words, or perhaps hum softly.)

Sending Responses

This is the good news:

Christ has risen and the Spirit is with us!

This is our story:

In life and in death we belong to God.

This is our new commandment:

To love one another as Christ loves us.

This is our calling:

To pray and work for the justice and joy of God's realm.

Benediction

Postlude



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.

First Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Pastor Morton or Pastor Sue.

Need to speak to the Program Staff?

Morton Harris, Co-Pastor

Sue Lowcock Harris, Co-Pastor

Virginia Callegary, Christian Educator

Matt May, Director of Music Ministries

If you need to talk or would like to set up a Zoom conference with one of the staff, please contact them directly via their email listed below.

Interested in the mission and activities of First Presbyterian Church?

Visit the church's website, www.firstpreshc.org for more info.

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9:00 a.m. OUTDOOR SUMMERTIME WORSHIP. We gather on the Front Lawn, which is our Summertime Sanctuary. Please bring and wear a mask, and observe physical distance. The Park and Ride provides the most convenient parking. Please don't park on the street or next to the walkway. Remember to bring a chair or blanket. There will be self-serve church chairs available as well. Paper bulletins will be available. After worship we invite you to linger for Lemonade on the Lawn.

In case of bad weather please check the church website before you come! Information will be posted by 8:00 a.m. if the service has been cancelled.

The Brood X Cicada family is in town. We are past the peak and the numbers have diminished. The ones left still love to sing and fly around! "All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres!"



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