

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PRIDE Sunday

June 27, 2021

10:00 a.m. Livestream Service [EST]



GATHER

Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.
Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.

For Meditation before Worship *(for personal use before worship)*

*We come to God's house, to this open house, to find love and to defeat hate,
in order that the world itself can become an open house.*

William Sloane Coffin

Gathering Music

(pre-recorded music welcomes our online congregation)

Let us know you are here! Post a greeting! And remember that you can place a request in the Prayer Journal in the comments on both You Tube and Facebook Live.

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 Sunday 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.

THE CHURCH

301 Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

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 MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1994
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TWO OAKS
 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain

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.
If worshipping from home, greet each other by sending a text,
a wave or comment on Facebook or YouTube)*

* Response of Praise 582

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

(singing together)

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Words of Welcome

ENCOUNTER

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 131

¹O LORD, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.

²But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

³O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Second 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 Lowcok Harris

(after the sermon, we observe a time of silence and prayer)

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.**

* **Hymn**

Love Astounding
(see next page for hymn)

Holy Manna

Love Astounding

Jeannette M. Lindholm

HOLY MANNA
Wiliam Moorc, Columbian 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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Concerns and Remembrances

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

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

Concluding Prayer *(together)*

**Steadfast God,
you sent Jesus as witness
that no one is outside your healing reach.
Help us to trust in the abundance of your love
as we share your compassion and generosity
wherever we may go,
with you, in Christ, and through your Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The Offering

* **Doxology** *(singing together)*

I Will Sing a Song of Love, refrain only

NAME AND KNOWN: John Bell

I WILL SING A SONG OF LOVE— TO THE ONE WHO FIRST LOVED ME
— AND I'LL SING IT AS A CHILD OF GOD WHO IS NAMED AND KNOWN AND FREE.
— FOR THE LOVE OF GOD IS GOOD,— IT IS BROAD AND DEEP AND LONG,
— AND A-BOVE ALL ELSE THAT MAT-TERS GOD IS WOR - THY OF MY SONG.—

* **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Creating God, how manifold are your works!
**You open your hand with generosity and love
and our lives are filled with good things!**

(We pray quietly as the pastor offers a prayer.)

SEND AND BLESS

* Hymn

For Everyone Born a Place at the Table

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 for —
 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! —

* **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**

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

* **Postlude**



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Morton Harris, Co-Pastor
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