

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Meditation before Worship

Loving Father, thank you for our great salvation. We pray that you would help us to walk by faith, to live by faith, to pray in faith, and to trust all that is written in your Word—by faith. We pray that we may die to ourselves and our own abilities and rest entirely on you and your sufficient grace in all we say and do. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

“Thanks Be to God”

arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“We Are Singing in the Light of God”

South African hymn

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Some boast of their cars, and some of their mansions, but we boast of the name of the Lord of hosts!

People: Should all else collapse in a heap, we shall stand up tall.

Leader: Do not be impressed by the outward appearance of a person, for God does not see like we do, but looks into the heart.

People: If anyone travels with Christ, there is a new creation, old things are obsolete, all things become new.

Leader: Let us worship this God who looks into the human heart

People: and through Christ Jesus who makes all things new.

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith.

People: Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to Live by faith.

Leader: You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction.

People: Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith.

Leader: You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love.

People: Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith.

Leader: Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

People: Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.
(Silent prayer of confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: We who walk by faith ... everything has become new!

People: We are ambassadors for Christ, for God has reconciled us through him!

Leader: Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins.
Alleluia. Amen!

***Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 20

Choir Anthem **“This Is My Father’s World”** **arr. Stan Pethel, 2023**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.
 This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
 The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.
 This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair;
 In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world, O let me never forget,
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

Second Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Living in the Gap” Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** The Confession of 1967 (9.19)

Out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

***Hymn** “It Is Well with My Soul” #840

Prayers of the People 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.

Invitation to Offering

***Response** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (verse 4) #394

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sending of God’s People

***Closing Hymn** “There Is Now a New Creation” #774

*Charge and Blessing

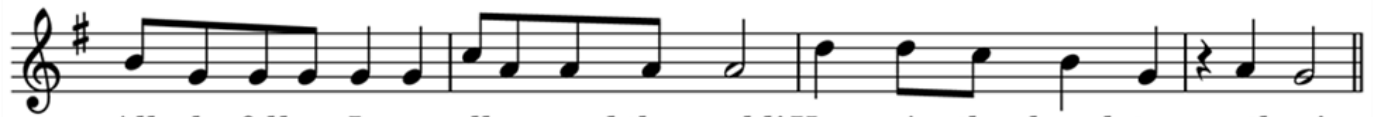
Choral Benediction “God Be With You” William Tomer, 1880

God be with you till we meet again; Till we meet, till we meet,
By his counsels guide, uphold you, Till we meet at Jesus’ feet.
With his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again.

*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”



I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!



All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!

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***Postlude** “When In Our Music God Is Glorified” arr. Gordon Young

Pastors: Désirée M. Youngblood
Steve Watters

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd
Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Carole Sue Ames

Our liturgist, Carole Sue Ames, grew up in Lafayette and attended the Methodist Church. When she moved into London at the age of 15, she began to attend the First Presbyterian Church when it was located on Walnut Street. She loves her church family dearly and following the path that God has laid out for her.

Carole married Bill Ames in 1956, and they had 5 sons, 18 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. Carol enjoys swimming and golfing. She loves to travel whenever possible, and has been active in our church choir since 1970.