

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

Prelude on "Holy Manna"

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Benefit Cruise-In

Rhonda Miller

Introit

"C Minor Etude"

J. H. Luft, 1835

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

People: We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Leader: Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

People: Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

***Hymn**

"Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine!"

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

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

Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen. (*Silent prayer of confession*)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** “All Creatures of Our God and King” (v. 6) #15

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:25-32

Duet “Day By Day” arr. Craig Courtney, 1989

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what he deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
Ever to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.

Every day the Lord himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares he fain would bear and cheers me,
He whose name is Counselor and Power.
The protection of his child and treasure
Is a charge that on himself he laid:
"As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me he made.

Second Scripture Reading

John 6:35, 41-51

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Living the New Life!”

Pastor Steven A. Watters

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

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.

***Hymn**

“O For a Closer Walk with God”

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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**

Doxology

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***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God's People

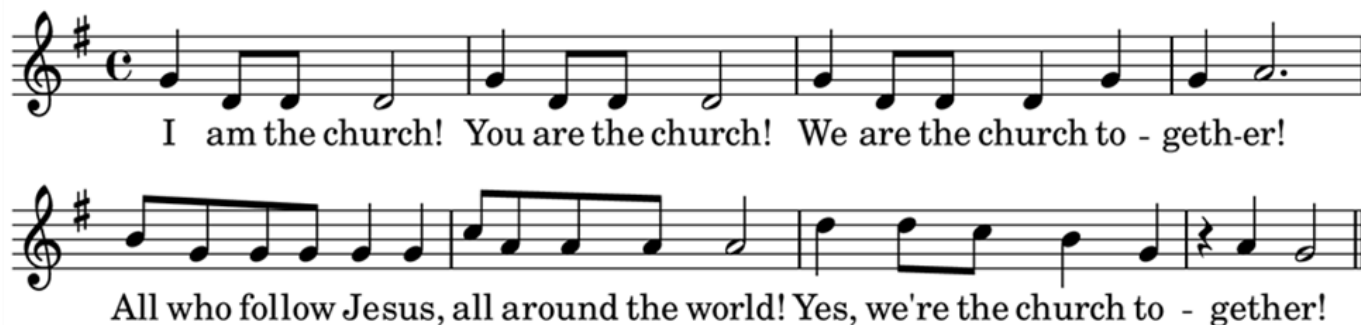
***Closing Hymn**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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***Charge and Blessing**

*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!".

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*Postlude

“The Solid Rock”

arr. Anna Laura Page

Pastor: Steve Watters

Liturgist: Connie Dwyer

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Oboe Soloist: Lauren Hart

Soloists: Thomas Lloyd, Christine Yost

Our liturgist, Connie Dwyer, is a life-long member of First Presbyterian Church. She is an Elder and Deacon, and has served as Clerk of Session. A retired London City Schools teacher, she also volunteered as the first administrator of Community Nursery School, now Presbyterian Child Center. She and her husband TJ have three sons and daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. Time with family, reading, running, traveling, skiing, and gardening are favorite ways to spend her days. She also volunteers at London Elementary School, Madison Health, and as a docent at the Columbus Museum of Art.