

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2023

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

Silent Prayer of Preparation

God of Light and Life, you created the heavens and the earth and all its inhabitants. Let all your works praise your holy name! Your mighty power is beyond our comprehension, yet you love each of us. Your ways are so far above our ways that we cannot even begin to know your thoughts, yet you have chosen to reveal yourself to us in your son Jesus Christ. We stand before you in awe, offering ourselves for your service. Fill us with your Spirit, that we would be able to hear your message for each of us today. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. Jack W. Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission Martha Geib Memorial Scholarship Connie Dwyer

***Call to Worship (from Psalm 45)**

Leader: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

People: I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

Leader: Let us worship God!

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon***Call to Confession*****Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, you created us for life together, but we have turned from your will. We have not loved as you commanded. We have broken the promises that we made to you and to one another. We have taken much and given little. Forgive our disobedience, O God, and strengthen us in love so that we may serve you as faithful people and live together in your joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

Assurance of Pardon**Response Hymn**

“As the Deer”

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Ministry of the Word**Prayer for Illumination****Children’s Sermon****First Scripture Reading**

Genesis 24:1-32

Solo

“El Shaddai”

Michael Card, 1981

El Shaddai (God Almighty)

(sung in Hebrew and English)

El Elyon (The Lord Most High) na Adonai (O Lord)

Age to age you’re still the same by the power of the name;

El Shaddai er kamka na Adonai (We will love you.)

We will praise and lift you high, El Shaddai.

Through your love and through the ram

You saved the son of Abraham;

Through the power of your hand

You turned the sea into dry land.

To the outcast on her knees

You were the God who really sees.

And by your might you set your children free.

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 24:49-67

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “A Marriage Made in Heaven”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Unseen God, Your Hand Has Guided”

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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** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

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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 has a melody with lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff has a melody with lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!".

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*Postlude

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

arr. Jacob B. Weber

Pastors: Désirée M. Youngblood
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Liturgist: Harriet Dana

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Soloist: Cindy Newman

Acolytes: Devin Griggs, Nate Angel

Harriet (Harri) Dana is a wife, mother, & grandmother. She and Bob moved to Choctaw Lake in 2011 after living in Columbus for 40 years. She is an elder, co-chairing the Property Committee with Pam Dennewitz. Harriet is passionate about flowers and can be seen on a regular basis working in the flower beds around First Presbyterian.

Harriet is also known for her many travel adventures which began at the age of 11 when her father was transferred from Sunburst, Montana, to Santiago, Cuba, during the Castro revolution. Her father was subsequently transferred to Lockport, Illinois, where she attended high school. She is a graduate of Beloit College and has taken courses at The Ohio State University where she was an administrative associate for 22 years.

Bob & Harri have been team leaders for Marriage Encounter and Kairos Prison Ministry. Bob and Harri recently returned from a trip to Portugal and northern Spain where Bob sang in 4 cathedrals with the First Community Church Choir.