

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2024

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

Meditation before Worship

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of life and the Word of God. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

“Praised Be Thou, Jesus Christ”

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We do not live by bread alone,

People: but by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

Leader: Christ is the true bread of heaven, the manna of freedom.

People: Come, let us worship and give thanks.

***Hymn**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#65

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** “All Creatures of Our God and King” v. 6

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Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Solo

“In the End of the Sabbath”

Oley Speaks

Second Scripture Reading

John 6:24-35

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Message in the Munchies”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the

Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Invitation to Offering**

***Response**

Doxology

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***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(We will be receiving communion by coming forward to one of the two stations on each side of the communion table. Please exit the pews to the center aisle and return to the pews from the outside aisles. An elder or deacon will be available to serve communion to those who wish to remain seated. Gluten-free bread can be found on the communion table.)

***Invitation to the Lord's Table**

***Hymn of Invitation**

“I Am the Bread of Life”

#522

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray. Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts, people of God.

People: We lift them to our Lord so they might be filled with a new spirit.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God who loves us.

People: May our willing spirits offer praises to the One who feeds us.

Pastor: Our greatest joy is ... singing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of every mercy.

All creation praises one God and Father, one Lord, one Spirit.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who gifts all of God's people!

Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Holy are you, God ... Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ died, a seeming prisoner of death.

Christ is risen, so all might be freed in resurrection love.

Christ will return, finishing the work of God.

Pastor: Holy God of Truth ... now and forever. Amen.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, during this worship service, our hearts burned within us while the Holy Spirit opened to us the scriptures. Then, we recognized Christ in the breaking of the bread. Now, help us as we get up, and go, and tell the others what we have seen. Help us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia. Amen.

The Sending of God's People

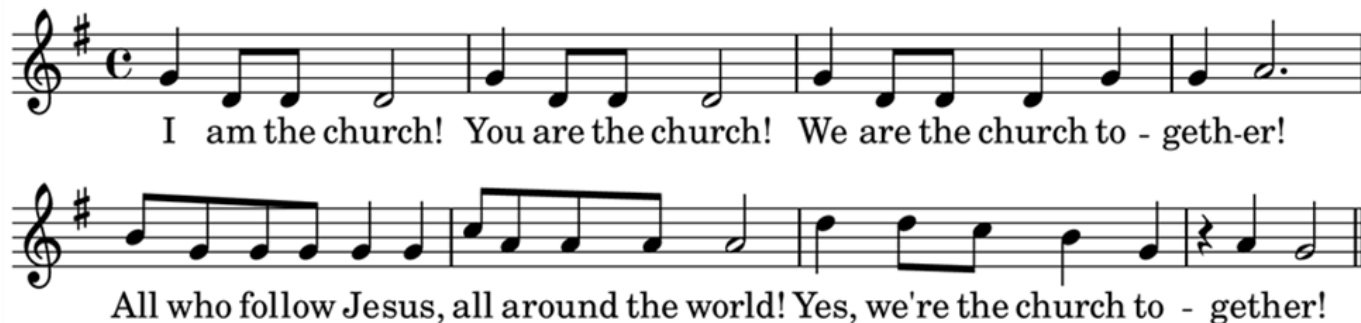
***Closing Hymn**

"Hope of the World"

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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 (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!". The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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*Postlude

“Allegro Maestoso”

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

Liturgist: Connie Dwyer

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Soloist: Paul Oswalt

Our liturgist, Connie Dwyer, is a life-long member of First Presbyterian Church. She is an Elder and Deacon and currently serves 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 of Art.