

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship



*I give you a new commandment: love one another as I loved you*

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**“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”**

*John 13:34-35*

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# Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

**This service is being livestreamed** and can be viewed on our YouTube channel in real time or as a recording. **Large-print copies of this order of service**, as well as **audio enhancement devices** are available **from the ushers**.

## **We gather on Sunday for 3 reasons:**

- **To seek God**- whom we find in sacred text and sacrament, in music and in song, in prayer, in the beauty of this space, in the stillness where we can hear our hearts. We offer God our thanks and praise, our lament and longing, and our resources. We let go of burdens and receive grace and forgiveness. We see the One our hearts love.
- **To practice Community** – rejoice w/those who rejoice, weep w/those who weep. To break bread with those whom we love and those whom we need to love more fully. We practice things our culture does not emphasize: resting, forgiving, sharing. Jesus asked us to love one another as he loved us, and we cannot do so without practice.
- **To listen for our Call**- often an invitation to go out and be or do or remember. God is speaking all the time: through conscience, nature, friends, and certainly scripture. We gather to listen for that Call and to recommit ourselves to discipleship.

Information on our common life can be found on our website [www.fpcsb.net](http://www.fpcsb.net), along with sermons and newsletters. You can participate in our work by supporting us financially with a one-time or sustaining donation.

Children are **welcome** in worship. Younger children may go to the Nursery at any time.

**OUR NEXT COMMUNION will be Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.**

# MORNING WORSHIP†

Lector: Brent Nord

## REFLECTION before the SERVICE

*"I am the bread of life..."*

—John 6.35

Not the secret of life but the bread.  
Not the belief, but the loaf,  
gathered from sun-drawn wheat,  
ground in the suffering mill,  
baked and given by real hands,  
nourishing, now, in its willingness  
to be taken, broken, eaten.  
See its grainy skin, feel its heft,  
smell its warmth.  
This is not bread you think about.  
This is bread you take into yourself,  
that feeds your soul.

Let him be that real.  
Enjoy.

--Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*Lotus Moon*

*William Zeitler*

#### INTROIT

*The Greatest of These Is Love*

*William Zeitler*

And now abideth faith, hope, love! These three, but the greatest of these is love!

### \*CALL to WORSHIP

All you who are thirsty, this is the place for water.

✘ **All you who are hungry, this is the place to be fed.**

Why spend your earnings on what is not food?

✘ **Why pay for that which fails to satisfy?**

Here, without money, here, without price,

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† The symbols you will see in this order of worship mean:

\* **Stand if you are able**    ✘ **The congregation will read.**

all may enjoy the bread of heaven.

✘ God speaks, and all who listen will have life.

**\*HYMN 37**

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

**PRAYER of CONFESSION**

✘ Gracious God, as we prepare to share in your meal,  
We confess our anxiety  
We know we are part of a great cloud of witnesses  
And that we meet this moment not alone, but together,  
Yet we fear this moment--  
You offer us your life at this table, still we are afraid.

*(Silence is kept.)*

Remind us that the world changes, but you are steady.  
Remind us that the great cloud of witnesses surrounds us.  
Remind us that your spirit moves among us,  
That your perfect love casts out our fear,  
That you will never leave us or forsake us. Amen.

**ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS**

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us believe the good news of the Gospel:

✘ In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole.

**\*ALLELUIA**

*William Zeitler*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le al - le - lu - ia!

**SCRIPTURE** John 6:35

*New Testament, pg. 98*

John 13:33-35

*New Testament, pg. 108*

This is the word of faith that we proclaim

✘ Thanks be to God.

**We Silently Reflect on the Text**

## ANTHEM

### *One Bread One Body* <sup>1</sup>

arr. Mark Hayes

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. One bread, one body, ... Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. One Bread, one body, ...*

## The OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

*(We invite you to respond to God's Word. We offer our gifts to be part of God's purposes in the world. You are invited to bring your offering up to the plate during the offertory. You may also place it in a basket on your way out or send gifts through the mail or online.)*

## OFFERTORY

### *Be Still and Know That I Am God*

William Zeitler

*Amy Gano, soloist Susan Addington, flute*

Be still and know that I am God! Be still and know that I AM! Be still and know!  
Be still! Be! Be! Be still! Be still and know! Be still and know that I AM! Be still  
and know that I am God!

## SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER

...Let the heavens be joyful!

✘ Let the whole earth be glad!

## INVITATION to the LORD'S TABLE

### SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

✘ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

✘ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✘ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## GREAT PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

### SANCTUS

James C. Huffstutler

✘ **Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,**

**God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Glory in the highest!**

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**Blessed! Blessed!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.**

### **PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and OUR 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.**

### **PRAYER of CONSECRATION**

### **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

### **WE SHARE GOD'S GIFTS**

*The cup is non-alcoholic. Gluten free bread is available.*

*Communion will be served by intinction at one station. As you feel ready, please come up the center aisle to a station, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat it, and return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*If you would rather remain seated, rovers will bring the elements to you.*

*During this time, we invite you to sing these prayers.*

***Jesus, Remember Me***<sup>2</sup>

*Jacques Berthier*

✘ **Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom.**

***Come and Fill***<sup>3</sup>

*Jacques Berthier*

✘ **Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

***Wait for the Lord***<sup>4</sup>

✘ **Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!**

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*Stay with Me, Remain Here with Me*<sup>5</sup>

- ☒ Stay with me,  
remain here with me,  
watch and pray. Watch and pray...

*Eat This Bread*<sup>6</sup>

- ☒ Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst

*Stay with Us, O Lord Jesus Christ*<sup>7</sup>

- ☒ Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
night will soon fall.  
Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ,  
light in our darkness.

*Bless the Lord, My Soul*<sup>8</sup>

- ☒ Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**PRAYER after COMMUNION**

- ☒ In gratitude, in deep gratitude for  
this meal, these people, this time together,  
we give ourselves to you.  
May we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth  
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

*Let this hymn serve as our opening prayer  
for our congregational meeting.*

**\*HYMN 611**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

*In this meeting we will formally dissolve the relationship between  
our congregation, our presbytery, and this pastor.*

**\*MOMENT for REFLECTION**

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**\*RELINQUISHING the ROLE**

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE**      *God Be with You till We Meet Again*      Rankin/Tomer  
God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide, uphold you, With  
His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.

**\*POSTLUDE**                      *Prelude in C (BWV 547)*      J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**GREETERS:** Bonnie Ainsworth, Linda McCarl

**USHERS:** Margaret Doane, *Lead Usher*

Al Rueda, Lynn Usher, *Security Ushers*

**SOUND ENGINEERS:** Dan Direen, Brent Nord

**LIVESTREAM ENGINEER:** James Welte

**CAMERA OPERATORS:** Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**

**Charlene Peterson, Josie Short, Beverly Snell**

*Elders:* Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Pat Morris

*Deacons:* Rick Rodriguez, Katie Smith, Brad Smith

**This Weeks' Celebrations**

*Jun 25*      Jim Huffstutler  
Randy & Kristine French

*Jun 26*      Wayne & Linda McCarl

*Jun 28*      Ava June Bodner  
Nancy Horstmann  
Shirley Raabe  
Brad & Amy Smith

*Jun 30*      Rhyland Emery French  
Sandy Garza  
Randy & Jenny Mantei

*Jul 1*      Nancy Sellas



***The Garcia Center for the Arts*** is having their first annual **Benefit Gala** on **July 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$125.00 Single, \$225.00 Couple, and \$909.00 for a table. **Tickets are available at the center, Call 909-888-6400 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

***Help Needed.*** Jim Huffstutler, our much-loved Pastor Emeritus, is in need of some long term care. His daughter, Hannah, has been providing this care full time to this point. We are looking at a paid position for in-home care. (References required.) That could be a single person, a “tag team” or ? Several support personnel (nurses, PT, etc.) come in several days per week. The situation is flexible. If this is not your “thing” maybe you know someone who knows someone, who... suggestions welcome! If you know of someone, call the church office (909) 882-3308 to get Hannah’s contact info.

***More news and announcements are available*** in your Friday *Keeping in Touch* emails. If you are not receiving these, and you would like to, contact Mimi in the church office.

### ***Music Box***

I recently encountered the story of Rengetsu (1791-1875) – a Japanese Buddhist nun with an extraordinary story.

She was the love child of a geisha and a high ranking samurai. At 10 days old she was adopted by new parents. As a teen she was called to serve as an attendant at Kameoka Castle, and during her 9-year stay she received a samurai education in deportment, calligraphy, painting, poetry, tea ceremony, flower arranging, dancing, and a thorough grounding in the martial arts. At age 16 her troubles began – she married, then her husband died, she married again – he died too. So did her brothers and all five of her children, about which she wrote a poem:

My children...  
I used to stroke  
their sleepy morning hair  
laying loose upon my sleeve-  
white dew on blossoms of pink.

So at age 33 she became a Buddhist nun, assuming the name Rengetsu which means "Lotus Moon". After she was ordained, she settled into a

hermitage on the grounds of her adoptive father's temple. However, he died nine years later, which resulted in her being evicted.

So now she was faced with supporting herself (no nunneries at that time). Though she was excellent in martial arts and other sought-after skills, being a woman made the prospects of teaching those subjects poor. So she settled on pottery making, and not having time for the traditional twelve-year apprenticeship, she learned the basics and then inscribed her simple pottery with her poems. Her pottery turned out to be hugely popular — it's believed she created 50,000 pieces in her lifetime (much of which is appreciated in museums today). Her pottery sold well enough that she gave a substantial sum to famine relief and even financed the construction of a badly needed bridge.

Rengetsu is best known for her role in saving Japan from mass destruction during the Boshin Civil War (1868). The Shogunate was tottering toward collapse, and the Loyalists (agitating for the restoration of the Emperor) had amassed to attack Tokyo. Rengetsu appeared before the General of the Loyalists and presented him this poem:

To those who strike  
And to those who are struck  
Keep in your heart  
That we all are people  
Of the same noble land.

The General took the message to heart and negotiated a peaceful end. Imagine — a poem saving hundreds of thousands of lives.

She died age 84, especially loved by the children of her village.

*-- William Zeitler*