

Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion Sunday

June 2, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship



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Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”  
--Mark 2:27-28

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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, July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

# Morning Worship†

Lector: Lynda Savage

## REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE

"This passage asks of readers in every age, What are the essential categories of our lives that Jesus threatens? What have we made divine in our lives that should remain mortal and finite?"

Nibs Stroupe, *Feasting on the Word*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*Woodland Dance*

*W. Zeitler*

*Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.*

#### INTROIT

*This Is My Father's World*<sup>1</sup>

*Franklin Sheppard*

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning 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.

#### \*CALL to WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We give thanks that there is a spark of God within us.

✘ **Kindle that spark into a flame of love and service.**

Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We celebrate the loving presence of God in our lives.

✘ **May God's loving presence be a strong influence in us.**

Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.

We rejoice that you teach us about love and forgiveness.

✘ **As we grow in faith, trust, and love for you, may our worship bring honor to your Holy Name. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

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

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

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## PRAYER of CONFESSION

*from Psalm 139*

- ✘ O Lord, you search us and you know us.  
You know when we sit down and when we rise up  
You know our thoughts from far away.  
Help us to know ourselves  
To search our hearts and know  
When we walk in your way  
and when we misstep or stumble.

*(Moment for silent reflection and confession)*

- ✘ Search us, O God, and know our hearts,  
Test us and know our thoughts,  
Lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

## ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

*(We stand and sing Alleluia)*

### \*ALLELUIA

*William Zeitler*

Musical notation for Alleluia in G major, 3/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: 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 - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Chords: Em, B, Em, D, G, D, 1. Em, B, 2. Em, Bm, Em.

## TIME with the CHILDREN

*[Children are always welcome in worship. There are activity bags and books in the narthex (entryway).]*

*[Infants through pre-Kindergarten may go to the Nursery at any time.]*

## ANTHEM

### *Be Thou My Vision*<sup>3</sup>

*arr. Alice Parker*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I need not nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won May I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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This is the word of faith that we proclaim

✘ **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Pastor Wendy Lamb*

**MOMENT for MISSION**

*Rebecca Allen*

**THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

*(We offer our tithes and gifts to be part of God's purposes in the world, and we invite you to take part. You may bring forward your gifts and place them in the plate. You may always send gifts by mail or online.)*

**OFFERTORY** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION to the LORD'S TABLE**

**SURSUM CORDA**

The Lord be with you.

✘ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

✘ **We lift them 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.

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, 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

### THE WORDS of INSTITUTION

### SHARING of the BREAD and CUP

*The cup is non-alcoholic. Gluten free bread and pre-packaged elements are available at the station under the pulpit.*

*Communion will be served by intinction at 2 stations. 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.*

*As you prepare to go forward and when you have returned, please join us in our sung prayer. These refrains will be sung over and over as we make them our own prayers.*

### SUNG PRAYERS

***527 Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup***<sup>4</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.**

***466 Come and Fill our Hearts***<sup>5</sup>

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

***814 In God Alone***<sup>6</sup>

**In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,  
in God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest,  
find its rest and peace.**

### PRAYER after COMMUNION

✠ **We give you thanks for this feast of abundance  
that we shared this morning.**

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Grant us that we go out and make a place for everyone at the table as you did because we have shared the bread of new beginnings and cup of belonging and can't remain the same. Amen.

\*HYMN 293

*Loving Spirit*

OMNI DIE

\*MOMENT for REFLECTION

\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE *This Is My Father's World*<sup>1</sup> *Franklin Sheppard*

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King. Let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad! Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Improvisation*

**GREETERS:** Tom & Donna Garza

**USHERS:** Mark Adelson, *Lead Usher*

Marilyn Kraft, Al Rueda, *Security Ushers*

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

**LIVESTREAM ENGINEER:** James Welte

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ron & Ruby Kraft, Deanna Long

*Elders:* Phyllis Hough, Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark

*Deacons:* Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez, Katie Smith

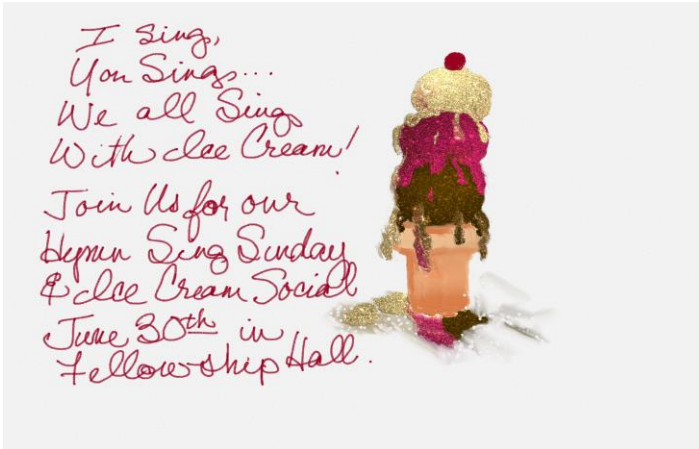
*Pastor Nominating Committee:*

Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris

**This Weeks' Celebrations**

*Jun 2* Terri Carlos  
Amy Elizabeth Rueda  
Katie Smith  
*Jun 4* Erynne Arellano  
*Jun 5* Raymond Direen  
*Jun 7* Deb Burgan-Price  
Bob & Maria Saenz

***Presbyterian Women in the Congregation*** will have their **Spring Gathering** tomorrow evening: **Monday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. in Fireside Lounge.** Jennifer Carter of Oak Tree Learning Centers will be our speaker.



***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*

Robert Robinson (1735-1790) had a rough beginning. His father died when he was aged five, but his maternal grandfather, Robert Wilkin, a wealthy gentleman of Mildenhall, who had never reconciled himself to his daughter's lowly marriage, disinherited his grandson with an inheritance amounting to couch money. His mother, unable to control him, sent him to London to learn barbering. What he learned instead was drinking and gang-life.

When he was 17, he and his friends reportedly harassed a drunken gypsy. Pouring liquor into her, they demanded she tell their fortunes for free and so they could mock her predictions. Pointing her finger at Robert she told him he would live to see his children and grandchildren. This struck a tender spot in his heart. "If I'm going to live to see my children and grandchildren," he thought, "I'll have to change my way of living. I can't keep on like I'm going now." That evening he suggested to his buddies that they attend an evangelistic meeting being held by George Whitefield.

Whitefield was one of the great preachers of his day, with a voice described as part foghorn and part violin. Whitefield's words haunted Robinson, and three years later he became a Christian.

Robinson entered the ministry, and three years later at age 23, while serving Calvinist Methodist Chapel in Norfolk, England, he wrote the hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" for his sermon on Pentecost Sunday.

Robinson continued working in the ministry until 1790, when he was invited to Birmingham, England, to preach for Dr. Joseph Priestly, a noted Unitarian. It was there that he passed away quietly in his sleep at age 54.

*-- William Zeidler*



*The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.*

*The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.*

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Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Pat Morris, Martha Pinckney, Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough, Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis, and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez, Katie Smith, Brad Smith, Dave Thomas, Chris Wright-Thomas, Kristine French, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda

In this time of change for our congregation, a Pastor Nominating Committee has been elected by the congregation:

Susan Addington, Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher, Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris, Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams