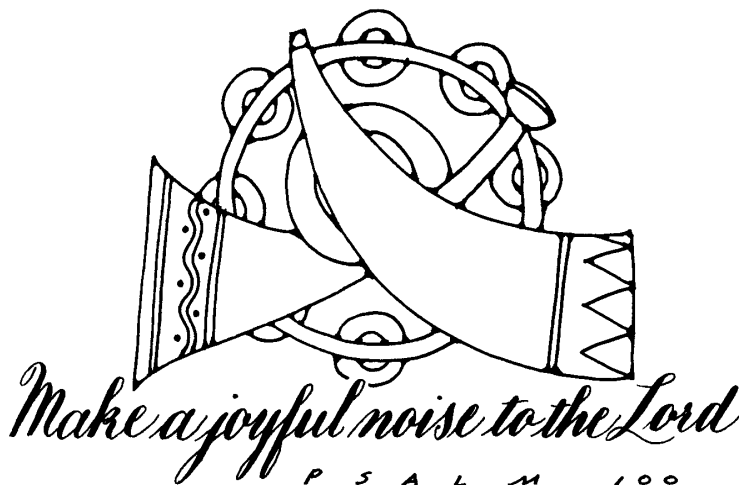


13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hymn Sing Sunday

June 30, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship



Shout for joy to God, all the lands! Serve God with gladness!
Come into God's presence with joyful singing!

Psalm 100:1 (Psalms Anew)

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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, 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 7th.

Morning Worship†

Director of Music: Curtiss Allen, Jr.

REFLECTION before the SERVICE

What we sing and how we sing reveals much of who we are, and entering into another's song and music making provides a gateway into their world, which might be much different from our own. Something is shared in singing that goes beyond the words alone. This something has taken shape over many centuries in a practice that expresses our deepest yearning and dearest joy: the practice of singing our lives to God.

From Practicing Our Faith
<http://www.practicingourfaith.org>

This week is our annual singing Sunday, where we sing our praise, our prayers, and our worship. There are many ways to sing: traditional hymns, spirituals, brief refrains, and songs of praise from cultures other than our own. Some have words connected to scripture, some are familiar, some are in languages other than English. Today we will sing favorite hymns, written down in worship two weeks ago and chosen "from a hat" this morning. These are all hymns found in the hymnal, and, for those who are curious, contextual notes about the hymns can be found at the bottom of the hymnal pages.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Laughing Sage

W. Zeitler

*CALL to WORSHIP (*from Psalm 100*)

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Remember that our God is God—

✘ **the One who made us,**
the One who sustains us,
the One whose Spirit lives within us.

Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving;
and come into God's presence with praise.

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

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

- ✘ **For God is good,
with unfailing love that lasts forever,
and faithfulness that extends to all generations.**

Let us sing our praise to our God!

WE SING our WORSHIP

TIME with the CHILDREN

[After Time with the Children, our children pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade are encouraged to remain with us. There are activity bags and books in the back of the Fellowship Hall.

Infants through pre-Kindergarten may go to the Nursery as necessary.]

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:1-5, 12-13

New Testament, pg. 197

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

WE SING our WORSHIP

THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

(We offer our gifts as a response to God's Word, to be part of God's purposes in the world. You may place gifts in the plate as it comes to you during the offertory – or by mail or online.)

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDDTH

- ✘ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER 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.

WE SING our WORSHIP

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Improvisation*

GREETERS: Jeanne Clark, Bobbie Terrell

USHERS: Chris Thomas, *Lead Usher*

Jim Siegmund, *Security Ushers*

SOUND ENGINEERS: Dan Direen, Brent Nord

LIVESTREAM ENGINEER: James Welte

CAMERA OPERATORS: Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Noé Falconi, Marianna Fowles, Sandy Garza

Elders: Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough, Sue Alexander

Deacons: Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez

PNC: Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams

This Weeks' Celebrations

Jun 30 Rhyland Emery French

Sandy Garza

Randy & Jenny Mantei

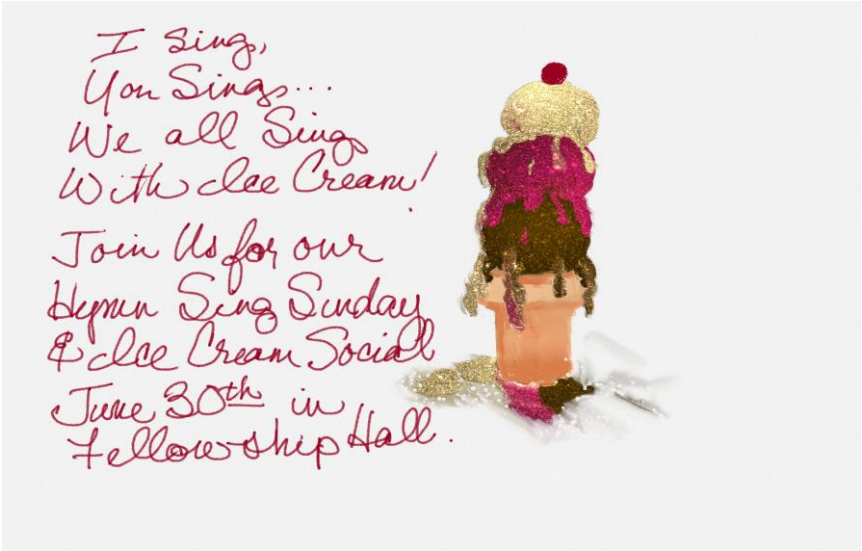
Jul 1 Nancy Sellas

Jul 3 Mario Bolaños

Phil & Lynda Savage

Jul 6 Judy Etherton

Dennis Stafford



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

Last week I talked about 'sources' and 'sinks'. Namely, that in electronics there is the concept of 'sources' and 'sinks'. That an electronics 'source' provides current to a circuit (for example, a battery), while a 'sink' consumes electricity (for example, a light bulb). And I talked a bit about how to metaphorically apply this idea.

I have one more application for you, using it to explore another of Zen Rabbi Jesus' impossible sayings:

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth. But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. (Matt 5:38-39, NIV)

Jesus is quoting the Old Testament:

But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise. (Ex. 21:23-25, NIV)

I note that Jesus begins by referring to REVENGE: "eye for an eye." (And not, for example, self-defense, methinks.) As Gandhi famously noted, "The problem with eye for an eye is that pretty soon the whole world will be blind."

I think we see that playing out in the Middle East. The cycle of revenge -- A hurt B, so B hurts A back, so A hurts B back, so B hurts A back ... back back back to the dawn of time. There is no end to this truly vicious circle.

But I think this plays out in other ways too: parent abuses child, child grows up and abuses his/her child, who grows up and ...

And it plays out in small ways. Someone cuts you off on the freeway and angers you. You arrive at the office and snap at a co-worker. The co-worker goes home and snaps at their spouse in turn. Etc. etc.

Anger: the gift that keeps on giving.

One way, and maybe the only way, to put an end to these vicious cycles is for someone to simply not pass it on, to not pass the Evil along. For someone to "just say 'no'." Whatever it takes to stop the cycle. Using the 'sources and sinks' metaphor, someone has to be a 'sink' for Evil, and break the vicious cycle.

There are various ways to do that. In some circumstances, maybe just 'take the hit' and let it go (e.g. when someone cuts you off). In other situations, leaving might be the best option. The options very much depend on the situation. The main thing is: do what you have to do to be OK, without perpetuating the cycle. Just leave revenge out of your equation.

Sometimes to not respond to Evil with Evil can be a really difficult thing to do. Sometimes it can be quite the sacrifice.

But then, Jesus never said that following Him would be easy. Something about "Take up your cross..."
-- William Zeidler