



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 27, 2021 9:00am

*She reached out.
And this—this—you call faith:
not the believing, but the reaching.*
—Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*Prior to the service you are invited to prepare yourself for worship.
Some people prefer to meditate or pray, while others may chat quietly
with their fellow-worshippers as a way to connect and focus.
As the prelude begins, please prepare for worship in quiet attentiveness.*

Prelude

Psalm XIX
Benedetto Marcello

Welcome

We are called to worship, drawing our attention forward and upward.

*Call to Worship Psalm 130:5-6

We wait for the Lord.

Our souls wait, and in God's Word we hope.

Our souls wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

In faith we turn to God, whose love is sure.

We focus our attention first on God's glory and offer our praise in word and song.

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you show us the breadth of your power
and the depth of your love.

**You listen to our cries and hear our laments. You do not turn from our distress, but stretch
out your hand to heal, to comfort, and to save.**

All thanks and praise to you, O God; your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

*Reflecting on God's Glory makes us aware of our common sinfulness
and need for forgiveness.*

*This honesty before God and each other opens our hearts
to receive God's forgiveness, which we celebrate with word and song.*

***Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness**

God, trusting you can be difficult when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world.

Too often we fail to live into the reality that love conquers fear.

We forget that power comes through weakness.

We fail to conceive how you can heal what ails us.

Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you,

for we would be disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could be deemed righteous?

With God there is forgiveness. With Christ, there is peace.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

In Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

***Response**

Meineke

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Without moving from your seats, share the peace of Christ by waving to and greeting those around you.

Ministry Updates

Tithes and Offerings may be placed in offering basket in narthex before or after the service

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.

The Scriptures hold a central place in our worship, and so are read early and often.

*We ask God to inspire both the reading and the hearing of these words
and listen for what may be revealed in their reading.*

*The music and messages are designed to help interpret the Scriptures
and help us to apply them to our daily living.*

Prayer for Illumination

By the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us, O God. Show us who you are and who you are calling us to be, for the sake of your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-43

Special Music

Andante Cantabile
Joseph Haydn

Sermon

“Chutzpah and Healings”

Rev. Caroline Cupp

*Once we hear God’s Word, we wish to respond in word and in deed,
so we say and sing what we believe.*

*Affirmation of Faith Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. (9.21)

*Hymn # 683 (text only)

Lord of All Hopefulness

*We are sent into the world to bear witness to God’s glory and love,
knowing that God has gone ahead of us to prepare the way.
Worship ends on this hopeful note and continues in all we do and become.*

*Blessing and Response

Postlude

Improvisation on Lord of All Hopefulness

*You are invited to stand as you desire.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES

Leading us in worship today are Rev. Bob Sheldon, Interim Pastor; Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor; Sandor Kadar, Director of Music; Kira Boros, Choir Accompanist; Members of the Miner Street Brass: Madison Smith and George Whittam, trumpet; Charity Harter and Melanie Flynn, trombone; and Pete Galloway, tuba. Our Greeters are Bill Benson and Joe Schorn.

In Memoriam – Alexander M. Barry, member of First Presbyterian Church from April 28, 1997 to May 25, 2021.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Shirley and A. Michael Barry and family in the death of Shirley's husband and Michael's father; and with Bill and Sue Mertz and family in the death of Sue's sister, Linda.

We are happy to announce the birth of Payton Marie Rader, born June 6, 2021, daughter of John and Lisa Rader and granddaughter of Gene and Gail Rader.

<p>There will be a Congregational Meeting at 10:00am on July 11, 2021 to approve temporarily adjusted terms of call for Pastor Cupp.</p>
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Summer Mini Golf Fun – All those who are young (or young at heart!) are invited to gather for a game of mini golf tomorrow, Monday, June 28, at 7 pm. We'll be tackling the course at Boulder Falls Miniature Golf in Downingtown. Let Sara Pantazes know you are coming so that we can coordinate our group's size with the course (spantazes@firstpreswc.com).

Melton Center Volunteers Needed: Looking to get out of your house a little this summer and contribute to the community? The Melton Center is holding a STEM themed summer camp for elementary and middle school age students the weeks of July 12 and July 19 from 1 – 5 pm and First Pres is looking for volunteers to help (no teaching experience necessary). You can help one day or all ten, whatever your schedule and energy allow for. High school students are eligible to volunteer, but anyone over 18 will need to provide current background clearances. For more information or to sign-up to help, contact Sara Pantazes at spantazes@firstpreswc.com.

Next Sunday: Due to the holiday weekend, there will be no children's programs during services next Sunday, July 4.

2021 Contributions – Current contributions as of 6/23/2021 are \$501,822 out of \$1,047,133 budgeted.