



SUNDAY WORSHIP

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021 9:00am

“You can’t do math on God. The power of your gifts is multiplied by a mystery.”
--Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Prelude

Cry No More
Dan Forrest

*Call to Worship

We are given a gift of a new day, unliveD, untried, ready to be opened.

A new day with surprising miracles;

With love to be given, kindness to be shared and peace to be enjoyed.

A gift of a new day, God's gift to us.

Let us receive it with joy and live it in expectation.

*Opening Prayer

Wondrous and generous God, your gifts are overwhelming: Your sun lights the way for our journey, your living water quenches our thirst, and your broken bread opens the door to eternal life. Your healing touch binds up our wounds, and your forgiveness washes clean our sin. Come now, wondrous and generous God. Make this church a place where seeds grow, joy is shared, songs are sung, peace is shaped, dreams are born, sorrow is graced and ripples of love are spread. In the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

**Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony.
We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds;
we take good learning out of difficult situations
yet also find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences.
Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous,
chaotic order of the universe.
We cannot undo all our mistakes,
but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus
and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth.
Today, Lord, let us acknowledge our sin
and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace. Amen.**

Brothers and Sisters, by God's mercy, we are forgiven;
by God's mercy, we are made whole;
By God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. 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

Take a moment to greet those seated near you.

Ministry Updates

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.**

Special Music

Hear My Prayer, O Lord
Antonin Dvorak

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy Spirit, prepare us to hear from the Scriptures. We know that your word is
powerful and that it is calling us to live like Jesus. Let us see what it is you are doing
through the Scriptures we hear today. You are working and we want to join you.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading

John 6:1-15

*At this time children are invited to meet Ms. Sara for story time in Fellowship Hall.
They will return to their families after the sermon.*

*Hymn #460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Sermon

“What Are You Hungry For?”

Rev. Ann Dickey

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Confession of Faith, 1983

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

**Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn #839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

*Blessing and Response

Postlude

Blessed Assurance
arr. Bruce Greer

*You are invited to stand as you desire.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES

Leading us in worship today are Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor; Rev. Ann Dickey, Parish Associate; Tracy Burke, liturgist; Ann Ellis, guest organist; Lyndsay Varsaci-Spaziani, soprano. Our greeters are Barbara Lade at 9:00 a.m. and Doug Hendricks at 10:42 a.m.

The rosebuds at the baptismal font are to the Glory of God and in honor of Olivia Grace Moreschi, born July 15, 2021, daughter of Will Moreschi and Laura Norris and granddaughter of Dennis and Adriana Park; and Caleb Andrew Cook, born July 18, 2021, son of Ryan and Heather Cook, grandson of Glenn and Gretchen Huebner, and nephew of Andrew Huebner.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Willy Oliveras and Estrella Vargas Matos and family in the death of Willy's sister, and with Pete and Margie Kellermann and family in the death of their niece.

All-Church Brunch and Congregational Conversation - Please join the Transition Team for the next Congregational Conversation on Sunday, August 1. The worship services are being combined into ONE service at 9:00 a.m. so that we can spend the remainder of the morning together in fellowship and conversation. Rev. Bill Wilson from the Center for Healthy Churches, who preached on June 13, will be with us for worship that morning and the Congregational Conversation. Brunch will take place from 10:15-11 a.m. and the Congregational Conversation will be from 11 - 12:30. Childcare is available upon request, please let Pastor Caroline know as soon as possible if your family needs that. To sign up, please visit the sign-up tab from firstpreswc.com or click the link from Wednesday's email.

Get Involved – One of our church members lives in a small group home in Downingtown for young men with intellectual disabilities. These men haven't been able to attend their typical day program due to the pandemic, but are now able to receive visitors. If you enjoy playing music, making art, or bringing a pet to visit, please contact Pastor Caroline to get connected. Visits are arranged based on your schedule and availability.

Movie Night - Save the Date! On Friday, August 27 we'll be having an outdoor movie night at East Bradford Park. We are hoping this will be a fun night with fellow First Pres friends but also a time to invite a neighbor or someone new to an enjoyable summer activity. Stay tuned for more details!

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