



## **First Presbyterian Church**

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God**

**5th Sunday After Pentecost**

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June 23, 2024

10:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather in this place to worship our God:

**calm Presence in our times of confusion,  
Comforter in our nights of struggle.**

We gather with fellow pilgrims,  
as we seek to follow Jesus:

**Brother to those swamped by fears,  
Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.**

We are brought together by the Spirit  
who lives in the depths of our souls:

**the Serenity who travels with us  
on this up-and-down journey we call life.**

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

Holy God, you created the world and all that is in it. The wind and the sea obey your Son. You are the source of our strength and our confidence is in you. All praise be to you, our stronghold and savior.

Amen.

**\*HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" #307**

**CWM RHONDDA**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We let fears control us, we let doubt become the way of life for us. If we but look, we will see our lives, and our world, cradled in God's loving hands. Let us confess our lack of faith, even as we trust the One who has promised to listen to our words, as well as our hearts. Join me as we confess together, saying,

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.**

**Forgive us. God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

*Silence is kept*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us with faith.

**Our God affirms us for who we are—those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of eternity, by the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us this day, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:35-41**

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."  
<sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

<sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

<sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"  
<sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

### **RESPONSIVE PSALM 9:9-20**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
**a stronghold in times of trouble.**

<sup>10</sup>And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
**for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

<sup>11</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion.

**Declare his deeds among the peoples.**

<sup>12</sup>For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;

**he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

<sup>13</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD. See what I suffer from those who hate me;  
**you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,**

<sup>14</sup>so that I may recount all your praises,

**and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.**

<sup>15</sup>The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;

**in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.**

<sup>16</sup>The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgment;

**the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgsion. Selah**

<sup>17</sup>The wicked shall depart to Sheol,

**all the nations that forget God.**

<sup>18</sup>For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

**nor the hope of the poor perish forever.**

<sup>19</sup>Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail;

**let the nations be judged before you.**

<sup>20</sup>Put them in fear, O LORD;

**let the nations know that they are only human. Selah**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49**

**SERMON: "Expressing Courage"**

**Rev. Dr. Rebecca Chaffee**

**SERMON HYMN: "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord" #628**

**JE LOUERA L'ÉTERNEL**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (*ecumenical version*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever, Amen.

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With tithes and offerings give thanks to the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever.

### THE OFFERTORY

#### DOXOLOGY: "With Grateful Joy"

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

With grateful joy for You the Source of all life  
We raise one voice to You from whom all blessings flow  
You are the Giver of life  
You are the Lover of life  
The good Sustainer of life  
We live in You

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Now is the acceptable time to offer our gifts to you, Holy God. Now is the time to pray that they may be used to remove any obstacles which keep others from knowing your grace, experiencing your healing, or being filled with your hope. Now is the time to give thanks for your blessings, praying they will be used to bless others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#### \*HYMN: "Lonely the Boat" #185

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### CHARGE

Go now into a world beset by storms of worries and fears.

**Let us go to the far side of despair,  
bringing God's hope to all huddled on that shore.**

Go now into all the places where people are afraid.

**Let us set out from the shore of our comfortable lives,  
bringing the good news of Jesus' grace to all.**

Go now to the distant shores torn apart by violence and oppression.

**Let us set out with the Spirit as our guide,  
crying out to all, "Peace! Be still, wars and terrors!"**

### BENEDICTION

**Volunteers This Week:**

Liturgist: Janet Haacker  
 Tech: Betsy Crocker  
 Usher(s): Bonnie Zimmer  
 Coffee Hour: Julie Rayner  
 Greeter(s): Diane Charsley

**Volunteers Next Week 6/30:**

Liturgist: Bonnie Zimmer  
 Tech: Betsy Crocker  
 Usher(s): Jessica Schurr & Billy Welch  
 Coffee Hour: Marilee Mathias  
 Greeter(s): Pat Loeswick

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

The prayer concerns have recently been updated. If you have a prayer request, please contact **Pastor Rebecca at 315-317-6140 or the church office at 716-692-1319.**

**CALENDAR**

Sunday, June 23

10:30 am Sunday Worship for all ages (Sanctuary)  
 11:30am Coffee Fellowship for all ages (Parlor)

Monday, June 24

10:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Tuesday, June 25

9:00am – 2:00pm Office Hours

Wednesday, June 26

9:00am – 2:00pm Office Hours

Thursday, June 27

9:00am – 2:00pm Office Hours  
 10:00am Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Saturday, June 29

10:00am Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Sunday, June 30

10:30 am Sunday Worship for all ages (Sanctuary)  
 11:30am Coffee Fellowship for all ages (Parlor)



