

First Presbyterian Church

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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

6th Sunday After Pentecost

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June 30, 2024

10:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come among us, Healing God; we wait for you:

we come, hungry for your Word to bless us.

Come among us, Compassionate Christ; we hope in you:

we come, hungry to be filled with the Bread of Heaven.

Come among us, Restoring Spirit; we wait and hope in you:

we come, eager to rest in your peace.

GATHERING PRAYER

Steadfast God, you sent Jesus as witness that no one is outside your healing reach. Help us to trust in the abundance of your love as we share your compassion and generosity wherever we may go, with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #39**

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

There is nothing, nothing, which can divide us—in life and death—from God. So let us confess our worst faults and eager failings, so we may be touch by the healing power of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We want to touch the hem of your garment, O God.

Forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope;

we want to love the whole world: forgive us for ignoring our neighbor;

we long for peace: forgive us for the pain we inflict on our families and friends;

we want to share with those we love and like: forgive us for walking past those who need you most.

Forgive us, Loving God, for we do not excel in everything you call us to do.

Give us grace: to touch those who frighten us;

to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry;

to offer the blessings of the kingdom

to everyone we meet,

even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen to the Good News! Hope in God, for God's love has no ending; God fills us with grace and hope, this day, and forever.

God hears our voice, and listens to our prayers, redeeming us from all our sins. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, your Word has the power to restore our lives. Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, for you are mighty to save. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

RESPONSIVE PSALM 30

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."

⁷By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:

⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!

O LORD, be my helper!"

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 5:21-43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."

²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'"

³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

SERMON: "Expressing Faith"

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SERMON HYMN: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" #250

PROMISE

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

Let us joyfully share our abundance with others, as we trust in God who provides for all our needs.

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

When the world would laugh at the broken, at all who struggle, those who have no resources, you gift us, Loving God, so we can share our portion of grace, love, hope, and healing with everyone we meet, as you bless these gifts we offer in the work of your Beloved Community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN: "If You Only Had Faith" #176**

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CHARGE

Now, God sends us out into the world.

May we cross the seas of fear which separate us from others.

Now, Jesus walks with us through the streets and neighborhoods.

May we gather others together so we can touch the hem of justice, grace, and love.

Now, the Spirit empowers us to go and serve others.

May we lift the little ones to their feet, sharing in the new life God gives everyone.

BENEDICTION

*A graveside service for Shelley Badrow (Doris Carlson's daughter) will take place on Tuesday, July 2 at 11:30am at Elmlawn Cemetery. Friends are invited.

Volunteers This Week:

Liturgist: Bonnie Zimmer

Tech:

Usher(s): Jessica Schurr & Billy Welch

Coffee Hour: Marilee Mathias

Greeter(s): Pat Loeswick

Volunteers Next Week 7/7:

Liturgist: Janet Haacker

Tech:

Usher(s): Jessica Schurr & Billy Welch

Coffee Hour:

Greeter(s): Ina Charsley & Terry DeLuca

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 30

10:30 am Sunday Worship for all ages (Sanctuary)

11:30am Coffee Fellowship for all ages (Parlor)

Monday, July 1

10:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Tuesday, July 2

9:00am – 2:00pm Office Hours

11:30am Graveside Service for Shelley Badrow (Elmlawn Cemetery)

Wednesday, July 3

9:00am – 2:00pm Office Hours

12:00pm – 3:00pm UFO (Unfinished Objects) (Parlor Dining Room)

Thursday, July 4

10:00am Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Office Closed

Saturday, July 6

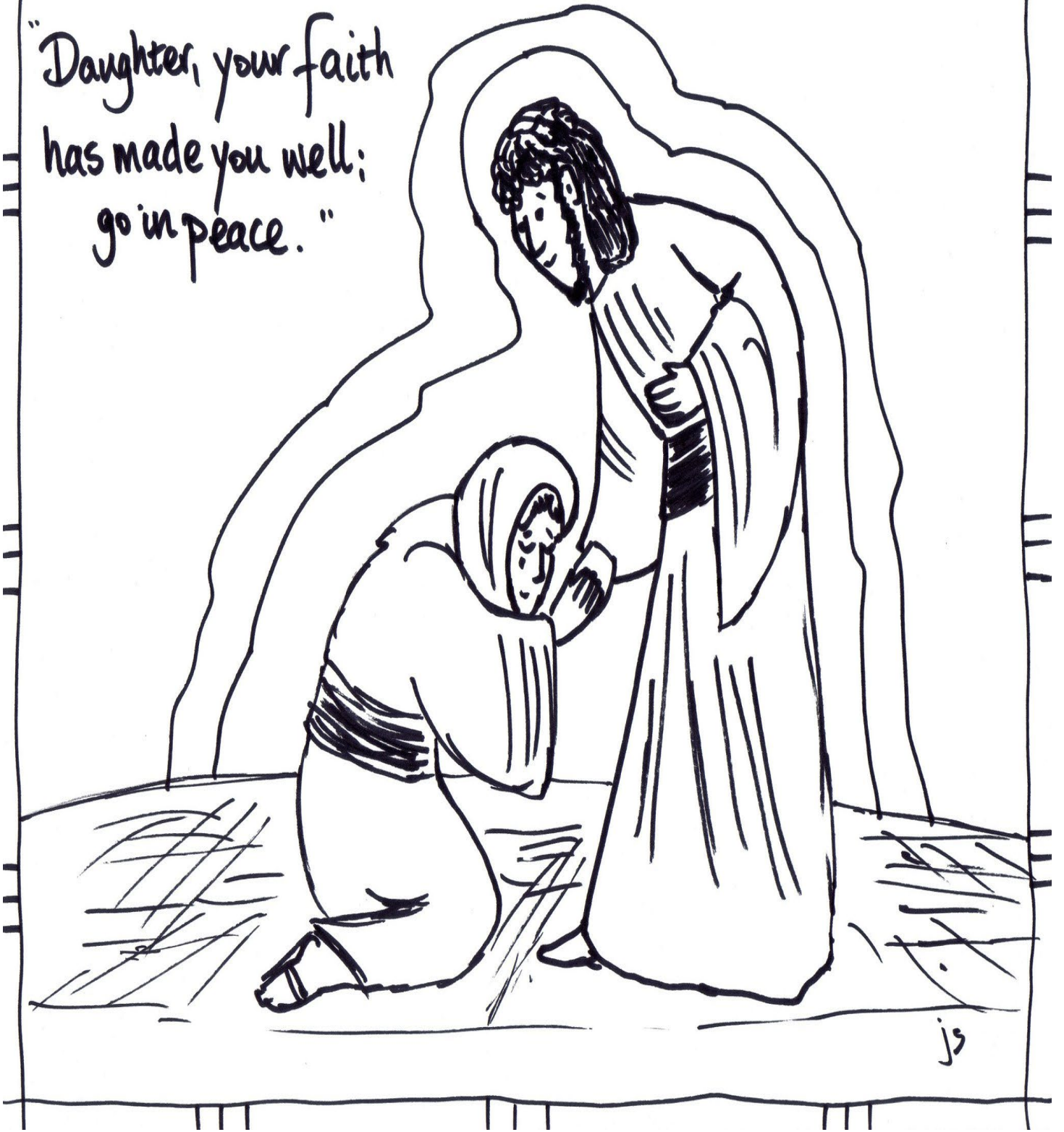
10:00am Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Sunday, July 7

10:30 am Sunday Worship for all ages (Sanctuary)

11:30am Coffee Fellowship for all ages (Parlor)

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