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SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 14, 2020

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE

(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)

CHIMING OF THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Whether we stray like sheep or follow faithfully,

All: God welcomes us.

One: Whether we seek healing and wholeness, or stand ready to extend compassion,

All: God welcomes us.

One: Whether exhausted from journeys across rough terrain, or renewed and refreshed, our souls at peace, we yearn to hear the good news:

All: The kingdom of heaven is at hand!

OPENING PRAYER

One: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life, and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil, in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you send us to proclaim the good news of your kingdom to all who are lost, all who are afflicted, all who are captive, all who have been cast out. But we are content to proclaim the in-breaking of your kingdom within familiar communities where we know others will receive this news with nods of agreement. Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe, and strengthen us for lives of compassionate service, that we might be the laborers you call us to be.

TIME FOR SILENCE

(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lamb of God
by Twila Paris, arranged by Lloyd Larson
Duet: Cheryl Wingfield and Denise Hackenburg

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. In the Spirit, we pray for the church . . . As we have been united in Christ's death, let us be one in the joy of resurrection— set free to take up the cross and follow. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In the Spirit, we pray for the earth . . . Spring up with your surprising grace in the wilderness and wasteland. Be merciful to the earth you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In the Spirit, we pray for all nations . . . Where old family feuds divide nations and close neighbors are worlds apart, give blessing; put an end to hate and fear. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In the Spirit, we pray for this community . . . Redeem those who are mocked and mistreated. Restore those who are cursed and cast aside. Hold them in your hands and save them from evil. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones . . . Draw near to those who are in distress; deliver those whose lives are sinking in despair.

Answer them with the abundance of your love.
Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God, confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray - Our Father...

LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 4

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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CHARGE

BLESSING

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Denise Hackenburg and Cheryl Wingfield for their special music this morning!

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has recently decided worship services will continue to be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube each Sunday at 11:00 am until further notice due to Covid-19.

The Session will continue to assess the appropriateness of in person worship services at their monthly stated meetings. Until we reunite in person please join us on Facebook at fpc roanoke rapids or YouTube using “First Presbyterian Church - Roanoke Rapids, NC Worship Service” in the YouTube search bar. A recorded version can also be found later on the church website—www.fpc-rr.org.

All activities at the church have been canceled until further notice.

Offerings can be made by mailing your checks to the church at 16 East 5th Street, RR, NC 27870 or placing them in the letter slot in the Administration Building. Although the church is not open physically, the work of the church continues, so please remember your offerings.

The Finance and Personnel Committee will meet via Zoom on Thursday, June 18th at 6:00 pm.

The Session will meet via Zoom on Sunday, June 21st, at 6:00 pm.

Presbyterian Women be on the lookout for an email from Tammy Spragins about end of the year business in the near future.



Prayers for Healing of Friends & Families of the Church

Priscilla Ricks
Bill Howell
Glenn & Gayle Garner, @ Meals on Wheels
Sally Ray Warren
David and LaNae Grimes
Sandra Stephenson
Mary Francis Fisher
Harrison West
Ellen Burnett
Diane Bone
Eula Cutler
B.T. Brown
Susan Horrell
Bill Davis
Betsy Medlin
Billy Green
Linda Ray
Roger Fuester
Tim Hardy
Frank Lonesky
Jeff Peedin
Amy B. Heybrock
Doug Hayes
Diana Dillard
Dee Campbell

Concerns Outside of our Community

- *SYRIA and YEMEN
- *SOMALIA, drought, famine, anarchy
- *EGYPT and LIBYA, political unrest
- *ISRAEL, PALESTINE, GAZA peaceful coexistence
- *IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, security
- *USA, war in Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan
- *NIGERIA, abducted Chibok school girls
- *Ukrainian people victimized by foreign aggression
- *People of Sudan
- *Victims of gun violence in our country
- *People who are effected by Covid-19

