

Happy Father's Day!



Psalm 103:13

*As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has
compassion on those who fear him; (NIV)*

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SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 21, 2020

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

TWELFTH 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: To you, O Lord, we lift our souls; to you we offer our lives.

All: For you are good and forgiving, and abounding in steadfast love.

One: In heaven, on earth, there is none like you. Your works are beyond compare.

All: For you are great; you work wonders. You alone are God.

OPENING PRAYER

One: God of power, you uphold us in times of hardship and strengthen us to meet the trials of faithful witness. As you delivered us from death through our baptism in Christ and the victory of his resurrection send us forth to proclaim that glorious redemption, so that the world may claim the freedom of forgiveness and new life in you.

All: Amen.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses,

and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

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

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water.

She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Rest in the Lord
Shelby Casey, soloist

by Mendelssohn

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: What do you understand by the providence of God?

All: **The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty— all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

- Heidelberg Catechism, Question 27 (BOC 4.027)

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 and who taught us to pray, Our Father . . .

LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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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 Shelby Casey for her 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 Session will meet via Zoom today 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.

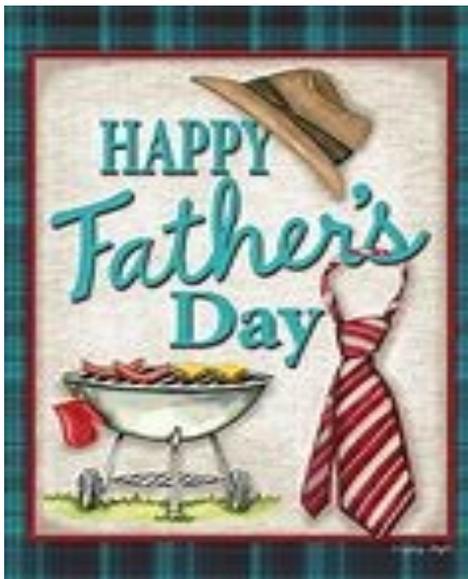


Prayers for Healing of Friends & Families of the Church

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



39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923
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FAITHFULNESS
11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Incline Your Ear, O Lord, to Me 844

(Psalm 86)



1 In - cline your ear, O Lord, to me, for I am
 2 You, Lord, have shown to me your grace, in ways be -
 3 With stead - fast love and mer - cy sure, God hears con -
 4 All na - tions shall pro - claim you Lord, and at your



poor, and need your care, my God, the an - chor
 yond my mor - tal sight. Be - fore your face, I
 fes - sion and for - gives; re - deemed, the soul in
 name all knees shall bend to glo - ri - fy your



of my trust, the tru - est an - swer to my prayer.
 lift my soul; to sing your praise is my de - light!
 which God dwells, and blessed, the heart in which God lives!
 righ - teous - ness and sing your prais - es with - out end.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This paraphrase of Psalm 86 begins as an individual lament, but it gradually moves into general affirmations and concludes with the declaration that all people will one day worship God. The tune is based on a traditional English ballad air named for a village in North Yorkshire.

TEXT: Michael Morgan, 1995

MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. Arthur Hutchings, 1981

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