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Church Office Hours: Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 30, 2020

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

TWENTY-SECOND 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: Paul tells us to overcome evil with good, where does Paul get this teaching?

**All: Jesus said: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
Lead us Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER

One: Almighty God, in the self-giving love of Christ you have revealed the path of salvation. Give us courage to deny our selfish desire and bear the cross of discipleship, that we may live as those who have no fear of death and receive the joy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, who hears the cries of the oppressed, you call us to resist evil and hold fast to what is good, to take up the cross and commit our lives to the cause of love. But we are afraid to confront powers that privilege some and diminish others; we do not want to lose the security we enjoy. Forgive us. Open our ears to hear your voice, our eyes to look upon neighbors in need, and our hearts to

respond with compassion, that we might follow the way of Christ.

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 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

Roll Down, Justice

Mark Miller

Duet by Denise and Gary Hackenburg

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

- Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: With one mind in Christ, and one heart in the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord of heaven and earth. In the name of Jesus, we pray for the church . . . Make us faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, unashamed to stand with him and share his cross, unafraid to offer our lives in love for the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In the name of Jesus, we pray for the earth . . . Let this wondrous world you have made continue to blaze with your glory; do not let it be consumed by greed.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In the name of Jesus, we pray for all nations . . . Teach us not to act with vengeance and violence, or to respond to evil with evil, but to live in peace, and overcome evil with good.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In the name of Jesus, we pray for this community . . . Help us to extend hospitality to strangers, to contribute to the needs of the poor, and to live in harmony with our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: In the name of Jesus, we pray for loved ones . . . Let us rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep,

sharing the grace and love of Christ with all.
Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Enable us, O God, by the power of your Spirit, to live our lives in a way that is worthy of the gospel, to the glory of the name that is above all names, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

It's so wonderful to hear Denise and Gary Hackenburg sing this morning!

We are so blessed to have those with musical talents willing and able to share with us! Thanks be to God!

In its August 16th meeting the session of First Presbyterian Church decided to continue worship via livestream over Facebook and Youtube and not have in-person worship services until further notice. The session will continue to assess the safety of worshipping in person at its monthly meetings. The Worship Committee is looking forward to a time when in-person worship can be done safely and will meet soon to establish precautions when that occurs. In the meantime you can worship via livestream using one of two methods: Facebook at the "fpc Roanoke Rapids" Facebook page 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.

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

Doug Hayes

Bill Davis

Betsy Medlin

Billy Green

Linda Ray

Roger Fuester

Tim Hardy

Frank Lonesky

Jeff Peedin

Amy B. Heybrock

Diana and Jeff Dillard

Dee Campbell

Nancy Elias, Marie Anderson's sister, breast cancer

Betty Thrower, Mary Small's sister

Roni Hackenburg

Peggy Muehlhans, Jenny Shives' mother

Lily Brewer

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

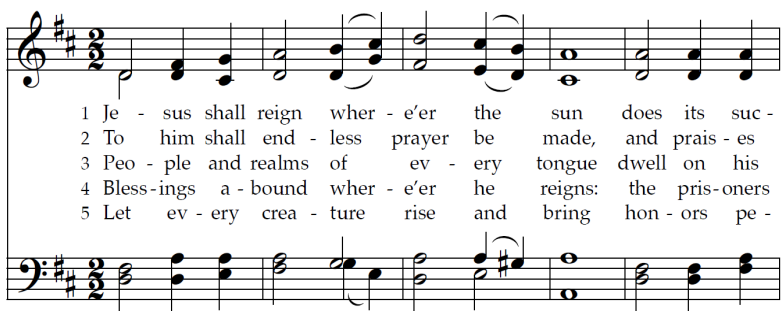
*Victims of gun violence in our country

*People who are effected by Covid-19

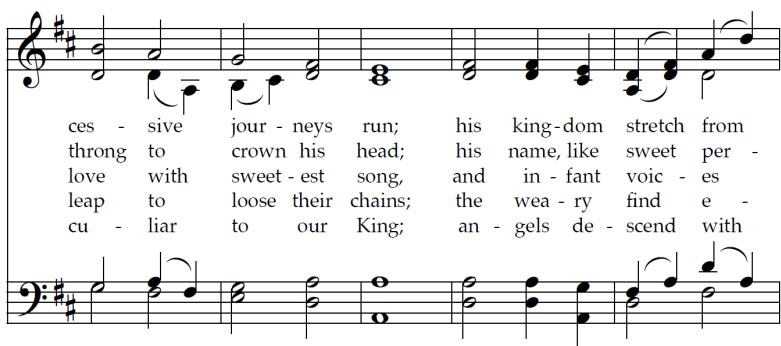


Please take a look at our prayer list. If you have someone that needs to be on the prayer list or someone that needs to come off, please contact Tammy at firstpresbyterianchurchrr@gmail.com or call me at home (586-1818).

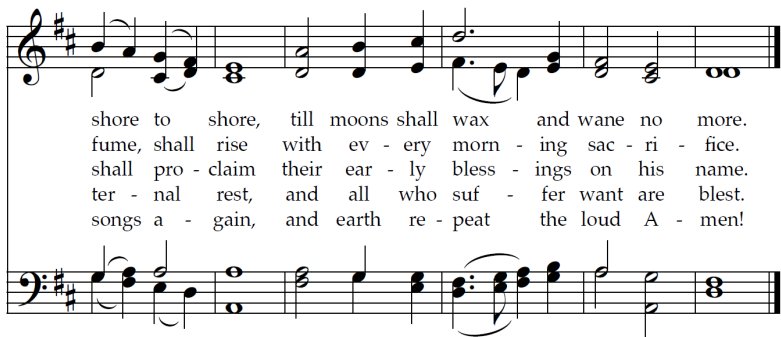
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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5-19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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