

First Presbyterian Church

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Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
May 17, 2020 • *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (*from Isaiah 40*)

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

***They shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.***

Let us worship God.

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(Glory to God, 275)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortals prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,

Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.

Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils is filled, should threaten to undo us,

We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate and gentle God, you created this world in love, and you summon us to love you completely. You also ask us to love our neighbors and ourselves. Too often we forget how and why you make us capable of such love. We put our trust in our own opinions, we put our faith in structures of our own making, we look first to our own self-interest, and we too often look away from the needs of others. Forgive us, O God, when our hearts are so fixed on getting back to normal, that we miss what you are making new. Send your Spirit of renewal and transformation, reminding us of who we are called to be, even in uncertain times. Strengthen us to believe again and to love more fully; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Sung Response

We Are Forgiven

(Glory to God, 447)

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

Sermon

Waiting Is Hard

Susan Reisinger

Musical Reflection

Call to Prayer

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

(Glory to God, 824)

***There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.***

Prayers of the People - with the Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

(Glory to God, 816)

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, whate'er be-tide thee, to bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent. No doubt our inmost wants are clear to one who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully. Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee. God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response

Irish Blessing

***May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly on your field,
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.***

Postlude



*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, or your faith journey,
you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.*

First Presbyterian Church—A PC(USA) Congregation

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