

# 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 29, 2022 • *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit. Text printed in bold italics to be read in unison.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** (*from Psalm 97*)

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, and the peoples behold God's glory.

***For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth.***

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

***Rejoice in the Lord, and give thanks to God's holy name.***

**\*Hymn 410**

*God is Calling through the Whisper*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment of silence for personal confession)*

***God of justice, each and every day we ignore you and your dreams for us. Each and every week we find ample time to ridicule others, while failing to make space to affirm them. Each and every moment we seek our own way rather than following your path of joy and obedience. Forgive our foolishness, Eternal God. Break the chains that hold us captive, so that we may live as people of the Risen Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.***

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*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**

*The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

*Glory to God, 59*

***The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;***

***God's mercies never come to an end.***

***They are new every morning, new every morning;***

***Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.***

## Time with the Children

Anthem

*Rock of Ages*

Ward/ Larson

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-34

Sermon

*Singing in Shackles*

Sharon Youngs

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*adapted by members of FPC*)

***We believe in God, the Father Almighty, and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit. We seek to know God's will, to walk in God's ways, and to proclaim the Gospel to all people, by our lives as well as by our words. We work and pray for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human unity in our time. And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness in our community and in our world. Amen.***

## Moment for Mission

Call to Prayer (*sing twice*)

*Glory to God, 240*

***Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.***

Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer (*ecumenical*)

***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.***

\*Hymn 295

*Go to the World!*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response

*Irish Blessing*

***May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow 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. Amen.***

Postlude



*The flowers today are given by Dale and Chuck Hadden  
to the glory of God.*



## **Announcements**

—Thank you to Don Spong for serving as our liturgist today.

—Special thanks to our guest pianist, Charlotte Bowers, for sharing her musical gifts with us today.

—After worship today we will have an all-church picnic! The Congregational Care & Welcome Committee has pre-packed lunches that contain a ham sandwich, coleslaw, potato salad, and a cookie or a brownie. Gluten free and vegetarian options are available, as well. All you need to bring is a beverage!

—The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 30, for Memorial Day.

### **Looking ahead:**

June 5: Pentecost

June 5: End-of-School Youth Party

June 9: Welcome Table

June 24: Family Movie Night

### **Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!**

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We hope you feel the love that is present and our joy in having you with us. If you'd like to know more about First Presbyterian Church, let's talk! Please speak with Sharon or any of the ushers after the service.

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