

First Presbyterian Church

June 14, 2020 • 10:30 a.m.



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.)
June 14, 2020 • Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to worship! A few guidelines if you are present in the sanctuary: Please remain seated with your mask on throughout the service and greet others from a distance. Please refrain from singing. A small handful of designated musicians will provide instrumental and vocal music for the service. As an alternative to singing, consider humming the tune or reading/listen prayerfully to the text as it is sung. Finally, a basket is located in the back of the sanctuary for your offering as you depart.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (*from Psalm 100*)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name;

For God's faithfulness extends to all generations.

Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

(Glory to God, 645)

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.

The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:

To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;

By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.

Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:

To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,

An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,

As with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:

To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,

That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:

To God all praise and glory!

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you have never failed to supply us with more than we need for our life's journey. And yet, we confess that we often doubt your promises to us. We are hesitant to step into your future, especially when we don't know what today will bring. Forgive us, we pray. Deepen our faith in you, that we might trust your presence and your provisions as we do your work in this world; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:1-15

Sermon

Laughing Matters

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(*Glory to God*, 39)

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Call to Prayer

Spirit of the Living God

(*Glory to God*, 288)

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

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

To Abraham and Sarah

(Glory to God, 51)

*To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:
“Go forth and I will show you a land rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my word
that you shall be my people and I will be your God.”*

*From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey on God’s abundant grace;
and in their heart was written by God this saving word,
“That you shall be my people and I will be your God.”*

*We of this generation on whom God’s hand is laid
can journey to the future secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God’s goodness and trusting in this word,
“That you shall be my people and I will be your God.”*

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

Sharon Youngs	Pastor	Bob Cantrell	Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
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