

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.)
July 19, 2020 • Sixteenth 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.
Refrain from singing (a small handful of designated musicians will provide instrumental and vocal music
for the service). A basket is located in the back of the sanctuary for your offering as you depart.*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (from *Psalm 133*)

How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the dew on Mount Hermon streaming down onto the mountains of Zion.

It is there that God has ordained the blessing: life everlasting.

Let us worship God with joyful hearts!

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

(Glory to God, 611)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have, yet again, strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; and we have done those things we ought not to have done. Even our thoughts have not been kind or tenderhearted. Have mercy on us, we pray. Help us to be imitators of you, living in love and honoring all people; in Christ's 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

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.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sermon

*It's the Little Things:
"Please" and "Thank You"*

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Prayer of St. Francis*

*Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Call to Prayer

*Come, Bring Your Burdens to God
(sing twice)*

(Glory to God, 851)

*Come, bring your burdens to God; come bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.*

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

Let Us Accept Each Other

(Glory to God, 754)

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

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



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

Weekly online gatherings

(See weekly emails or call the church office for Zoom links.)

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. "Rise 'n' Shine" and
"Let's Talk About It" classes
11:00 a.m. Post-worship fellowship
11:45 a.m. "Early Birds" class
5:30 p.m. Youth group

Mondays:

9:00 a.m. Coffee Chat with Sharon

Wednesdays:

5:30 p.m. Mid-week Bible study

Thursdays:

7:00 p.m.. "Brewing Questions"

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