

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 26, 2020 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (from *Psalms 104*)

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;
The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small.
These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
Let us worship the Maker of all that breathes!
Let us make melody to the Provider of all our days!

Hymn

God of the Sparrow

(Glory to God, 22)

*God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creature say Praise*

*God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save*

*God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks*

*God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life*

*God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace*

*God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart
How does the creature say Joy How does the creature say Home*

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, with great wisdom and care you fashioned this world and called us to care for it. Yet, we have tended to do the opposite. Our fingerprints are on the trash that fills the oceans; our footprints are mired in carbon. And time is running out. Forgive us, Lord. Rekindle in us the commitment and the urgency to be stewards of your gifts, that we might help heal the wounds of your world and your people; 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.

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.*

A few announcements:

Bob Cantrell, our parish associate for pastoral care, is retiring at the end of this coming week. Please join us thanking him for his service with a drive-by celebration today after worship. He'll be at the front church entrance from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. to receive your well wishes. Please enter from the Turnpike (by Donut Palace) to greet Bob at the front of the church, then exit onto Lafayette.

Our monthly Conversation on Loss will take place today at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom, led by FPC member Elaine Wilson. A link to join the meeting can be found in the email sent earlier in the week.

We will receive a special offering for Living Waters for the World on Sunday, Aug. 9. Even though we will not be able to receive it in person, please consider making a gift to help others around the world have access to clean, safe water. You can make a gift online, or mail a check to FPC with "LWW" on the memo line.

Weekly online gatherings

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

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. classes Early Birds
Rise 'n' Shine
Let's Talk About It
11:00 a.m. Post-worship fellowship
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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