

# First Presbyterian Church

August 16, 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.)**  
**August 16, 2020 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (from *Psalm 67*)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us,  
***That God's saving power may be known among all nations.***  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you,  
***For you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.***  
Let us worship almighty God.

**Hymn**

*Make a Joyful Noise to God*

*(Glory to God, 54)*

*Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!  
Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days.  
Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.*

*Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just:  
Walked the chosen through the sea, brought their enemies to dust.  
Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies, and rejoice!*

*Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!  
By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.  
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.*

**Prayer of Confession**

***God of all people, we are keenly aware of the ways we fall short of your vision for us and for our life together. You tell us how good and pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity, yet we create division and cultivate disdain. You command us to care for one another, but we send away those crying out for help. You call us to be together in community, but we pick and choose those with whom we associate. Forgive us, we pray. Give us the grace to see the face of Christ in others, that we might honor and respect all; in Jesus' name. 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

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

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### **Announcements:**

Following worship this morning, we invite students of all grades and teachers and administrators at all levels who are beginning a new school year to come by FPC for a bag of blessings. Please enter the church parking lot from the Turnpike and swing by the front door of the Sanctuary building.

The Food4Kids backpack program will begin again in September – provided there are enough volunteers to help. Packing backpacks with food for students to take home on weekends will take place at First United Methodist Church, as usual, with modified procedures for physical distancing, and so forth. The deadline to secure volunteers is tomorrow, Aug. 17. Contact Gretchen Drane for details (gdrane@gmail.com or 566-1474).

### **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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