

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.)

October 3, 2021 • World Communion Sunday

(For the sake of brevity, we occasionally sing selected verses of hymns.)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 8)*

How majestic is God's name throughout the earth!

God's glory is higher than the heavens.

When we look at what God's fingers made,

the moon and the stars that God set firmly in place,

What are human beings that God pays attention to them?

Yet God made them slightly less than divine,

Crowning them with glory and grandeur.

How majestic is God's name throughout the earth!

Hymn

Gathered in God's Name

Burkhardt

Gathered in God's name, 'round the table of grace,

Gathered as one fam'ly in the name of love.

Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place,

Gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace.

Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word.

Gathered as one fam'ly in the name of love.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we cannot free ourselves from the bondage of sin.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and

by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have

not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have

mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. 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 *God Welcomes All (sung twice)* (Glory to God, 399)
*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

Scripture Reading Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Sermon *Just What Is God Doing, Anyway?* 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.

Eucharist

Invitation to the Table *For Everyone Born* Mann/Trenney

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal and ever-living God ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, in your mercy.... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us with this sacrament and united us in Christ with your people worldwide. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 795

Healer of Our Every Ill (verses 1, 2, and 3)

Refrain:

*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

*You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.*

Refrain

*In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
Give us all your vision, God of love.*

Refrain

*Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.*

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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*Today's flowers are given by Kiersten Ruisard and Judy Greeson to the glory of God
and to acknowledge His blessings on their 32nd and 75th birthdays today.*
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Announcements

- As you depart this morning, please leave the communion element cups on the trays in the narthex.
- Thank you to Kiersten Ruisard for serving as our liturgist today and to Steve Boyce for singing.
- Today we receive the Peace and Global Witness offering which is used to promote peacemaking and reconciliation and addresses systems that perpetuate violence. You can make your gift payable to FPC and note "Peace" on the memo line, or you may give online using the QR code below.

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