

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.)

May 21, 2023 • Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

We may not know the time or the place,
but we know that God is restoring the world.

We may not see the risen Christ before us,
but we know his spirit rests on us.

We may not know what God is doing next,
but we come together in faith, excited to discover it.

***Hymn 258**

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

(a moment for silent confession)

Christ our savior, as you ascended, you left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign.

***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** *(sing twice)*

Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray. Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.

Children are invited to go to the fellowship hall for an activity.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Anthem

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Temple

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon

Faith, Hope and Love

Dave Mullins

Musical Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith** (*adapted by members of FPCOR*)

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.

Call to Prayer (*first time, English; second time, Spanish*)

***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!***

***Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Señor!***

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 69**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

***Charge and Blessing**

***Sung Response**

Irish Blessing

(*inside back cover of hymnal*)

Postlude

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*The flowers today are given by Dave and Mary Mullins to the glory of God
and in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.*

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Announcements

—Thank you to Peggy Terpstra for serving as our liturgist this morning.

—Special thanks to our guest accompanist Marianne Barbour for sharing her musical gifts with us today, and to Dave Mullins for being our guest preacher while Sharon is away on vacation.

—Rise ‘n’ Shine Sunday class members invite all who are interested to join them for the Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival on Friday, June 2, 7:00 p.m., at the Historic Grove Theater. Rev. Robert Jones will tell “The History of America through Music.” The group will gather for a Dutch treat dinner beforehand at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$13 each. Deadline: May 20. Contact Sue Byrne for more information (318-8856).

—Thank you to those who have signed up to serve as an office volunteer. If you have not yet signed up and can spare a couple of hours to help Madison out, please be in touch with her as soon as possible by calling the church office (483-1318) or adding your name to the signup sheet in the fellowship hall.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here. We hope you feel the love that is present and our joy in having you with us. If you’d like to know more about First Presbyterian Church, let’s talk! Please speak with Sharon or any of the ushers after the service.

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