



Carina Nebula, James Webb Space Telescope

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 7, 2022
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 1:10-17 (adapted from The Message)

God says, "Quit your worship charades. I can't stand your trivial religious games.

When you put on your next prayer-performance,

I'll be looking the other way."

Friends, why are we here?

Not to show that we are wonderful people, but to become better people.

Let us strengthen our spirits as we seek to live out God's call:

Say no to wrong. Learn to do good. Work for justice. Stand with the down-and-out. Go to bat for those who are under attack.

May this time of worship bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

Let our sacrifice be changed lives and new ways of living.

*OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

BLESSING FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for our Summer of Sharing Wisdom Books program. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Isaiah 1:16-17

Siblings in God's family, remember that God loves us; therefore by the mercy of God, let us cease to do evil and learn to do good. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Isaiah 1:17

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from an inscription written by Jewish fugitives in Nazi Germany

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.

I believe in love even when I do not experience it.

I believe in God even when God is silent.

Friends, even in our brokenness, let us believe in the forgiveness of God. **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 401)

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of hope, by faith we know that you created the world, and that what is seen is made by things that are not visible. Open our eyes to your presence among us that we may hear your word with clarity and a sureness of hope, as we follow you in all righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Faith Is an Action Word”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have the first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of

God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rutter

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Pre-packaged elements are also available in baskets for a contact-free option.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and eternal God, you are as far away as the distant stars and as close as our breath. You meet us at this table and we discover our hearts burning within us. Go with us as we leave this place, so that your light and your life may shine brightly for all to see. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Dennis Jewett*

Communion Servers: *Marilyn Van Winkle & Brad Smith*

The Life of the Church

Today, we welcome to our new organist Tyler Simpson. Tyler is the Department Chair and Vocal Music Director at Harrison High School in Evansville. He previously taught at Hebron Elementary and the Signature School in Evansville. By count from his resume, he has played 68 musical theater productions for regional high schools, colleges, community theater, and professional theater groups. He has accompanied worship services at his home church, Main Street Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, IN, for the past 15 years. Tyler has substituted for Patrick in our choir rehearsals on numerous occasions, and he played for our worship service once this summer. We are glad you are with us, Tyler!

A reception honoring our high school graduates will be held following worship today at the Clinton Place entrance. Join us as we wish Sam and Brennen well on the next part of their journeys.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.



The 24th Annual Owensboro Multicultural Festival, a signature ministry of our church, is coming up Saturday, August 20, 10am-4pm. Here are ways to get involved:

Numerous Volunteer Opportunities are now available. We need folks to help with set up/clean up, staff information booths, help with monitoring the church building, working the first aid station, and more. Sign up sheets are available now in the hallway near the Clinton Place Door.

Yard Signs are a great way to help create buzz about the festival. Put one in your yard or at your workplace. Sign one out near the Clinton Place Door.

Follow the festival on Facebook at facebook.com/owensboromulticulturalfestival. Help us by liking and sharing our posts.



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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