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FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 2, 2023
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Alex Khan, Tenor

R. Vaughn Williams

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has welcomed us without reservation,
So let us welcome all in God's name!

Peace be with you.

God's peace be among us, around us, and within us.

Let us worship the living God.

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jeff Moles

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Isa. 43.2

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isa. 43:1, 19

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

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.**

**We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Terrifying Word, life-giving Word, sanctifying Word, come to us as ones who crave water in the desert. Grant that we may hear and respond to you, yes, in fear and trembling, and also in rejoicing, through the Lamb that was slaughtered, Jesus Christ, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, is worshiped and glorified by all your saints, now and forever. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 13:1-6 A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

Matthew 10:40-42 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

Genesis 22:1-14 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dennis Jewett

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;**

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

The Lord is My Light
Alex Khan, Tenor

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And though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.
For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.
Yea, in the secret places of his dwelling shall He hide me. (Psalm 27)

*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:

Sung by all:

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 prayer continues.

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. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Dennis Jewett* | Leading Communion: *Patrick Wallace*
Liturgist: *Patti Price* | Communion Servers: *Jerry & Glenda Price*

The Life of the Church

LGBTQ+ People and the Church will be the topic of a Summer Education Series that will meet Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall, July 9-30. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. We will address these topics:

- July 9 – The Presbyterian Church’s History and Current Policy
- July 16 – Scripture, Theology, and LGBTQ+ Identity
- July 23 at 9:00am – Documentary Screening: *Out of Order*
- July 30 – How Do We Practice Inclusion?

The Church Office will be closed Tuesday in observance of Independence Day.

Spirit Lifters, our dinner fellowship group which is open to all, will meet at Colby’s this Wednesday, July 5 at 6:00pm. Let Jerry Price know by Monday if you would like to attend.

A Cookout and Ice Cream Social will be held Sunday, July 16 at 5:30pm. We will have burgers, hot dogs, and sides. You are invited to bring your favorite homemade ice cream to share.

Joyful Noise, a fun music making time for kids and youth, is held today after worship. Aryanne Brailsford will be leading this fun summer opportunity from 11:30am-12:00 noon each Sunday.

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



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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