



Doi Inthanon National Park, Thailand

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 25, 2021
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

Come, you who hunger for food.

Worship the Lord who turns wants into plenty.

Come, you who hunger for justice.

Worship the Lord who turns weeping into laughter.

Come, you who hunger for life.

Worship the Lord who is our hope and our strength.

*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Fill us with your mercy and your grace, that, with you to rule and guide, we may so use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth; 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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

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 our summer wisdom book series. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Eph. 2:12

Remember that you were at that time without Christ, aliens and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near. With the confidence of God's children, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship, we offer ourselves in service to others, recognizing the limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ. Thanks be to 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)

1. 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.
2. 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

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of
the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 4:42-44
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 3:14-21
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Rooted in Love”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of Belhar

We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and nourishes the Church from the beginning of the world to the end. We believe that God wants to bring about true justice and lasting peace on earth; we believe that God is, in a special sense, the God of the suffering, the poor and the downtrodden. We praise God who gives justice to the oppressed and bread to the hungry; who sets captives free and makes the blind to see; who protects strangers, orphans, and widows and obstructs the plans of the

wicked. We believe that the Church belongs to God and that it should stand where God stands: against injustice and with those who are wronged. We commit ourselves to reject all forms of injustice in ourselves and amongst us; and to struggle against all forms of injustice and every teaching that allows injustices to flourish. We are called to confess and to do all this in obedience to Jesus Christ, our only Lord, even if authorities or laws oppose this, even if punishment and suffering may be the consequence. Jesus is Lord! We will follow him!

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING Jenifer Wiggins, Will Jones, Greg Jones, Ava Wiggins

*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 prayer continues.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Albert Hay Malotte

Sung by Will Jones, Baritone

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE
ARE CHRISTIANS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Ben Robinson*

Communion Servers: *Creda Heffelfinger & Cindy Little*

Liturgical Sources: *Lectionary Liturgies*, Thom M. Schuman; *Book of Common Worship*, 2018

The Life of the Church

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR REV. MATT CURRY

This Afternoon at 3:00 P.M.

Join us for a reception following the service as we celebrate the beginning of our ministry together.

A Celebration of Life for Esther Jansing will be held in our Sanctuary on Saturday, July 31 at 2:00pm. The memorial will include special music and a reception after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

An Inquirers Class will be held soon for those new to our church community or anyone who wants to know more about FPC and what it means to be Presbyterian. Contact Pastor Matt if you are interested in joining this group.

“You Asked For It!” Pastor Matt’s August sermon series will focus on questions submitted by the congregation. Here is the schedule:

Aug. 1: *“How can the church survive if we continue losing more members than we gain?”*

Aug. 8: *“What should our attitude be toward people of other faiths?”*

Aug. 15: *“What does it mean to be ‘saved?’”*

Aug. 22: *“Why do we give any credence to the Old Testament?”*

Aug. 29: *“How can we love the unlovable and forgive the unforgiveable?”*

Promotion Sunday is August 15. We will be celebrating the re-launch of Christian Education programming for the fall. This will also be our annual Southern Gospel Sunday. We will be treated to special music in worship and there will be a fried chicken lunch following the service.



The 23rd Annual Owensboro Multicultural Festival, a signature ministry of First Presbyterian Church, is coming up Saturday, August 21 from 10:00-4:00 on the church grounds.

Yard Signs are available to promote the festival. You may check one out for your yard in the hallway near the Clinton Place door. Speak with Debbie McCoy if you would like a sign delivered.



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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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