



Hands of a Homeless Artist, Nashville, TN

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, July 4, 2021  
10:30 A.M.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you summon the day to dawn;  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**Great is your name, great is your love.**

For you the valleys will sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**Great is your name, great is your love.**

To you the monarchs of earth shall bow,  
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for you:

**Great is your name, great is your love.**

Your love and justice shall last forever,  
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**Great is your name, great is your love.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us courage like you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 687

*Our God Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

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

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

*1 Tim. 1:14-15*

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in this grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning. Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world: when we choose selfishness over compassion; what feels comfortable rather than what is right; when we strive for success instead of faithfulness; when we value independence over community. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.**

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
Thanks be to God.

\*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 339)

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on, till victory is won.

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Strength in Weakness”

Rev. Matt Curry

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from the Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to**

redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Nadia Wilkes, soloist

\*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:

Early American Folk Hymn, Adapt. Marcia Pruner

\*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth - are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



## 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

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O God, send us out from the Lord's table to answer his summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Suzanne Guyer*

Communion Servers: *Jerry Nail & Janice Odom*

# The Life of the Church

**Faith and Film Night** is coming Friday, July 16 at 7:00pm! We will be showing the classic 1942 film *Casablanca*, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Afterward, Pastor Matt will moderate a 20-minute discussion based on three questions: (1.) Where did you see God in this film? (2.) Where did you see evil? (3.) Where did you find grace? Plan to join us!

A **sermon series** is planned for August based on your questions. You are invited to call, text, email, or simply leave Pastor Matt a note on any subject that you have always wanted to hear addressed from the pulpit. He will pick from the ideas submitted for an August series of sermons called “You Asked For It!”

**Our email newsletter**, PresbyNotes, provides full information about the programs of our church directly to your email inbox every Thursday. Visit our website [fpcobky.com](http://fpcobky.com) and click “Email Signup” to subscribe.



The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Owensboro Multicultural, a signature ministry of First Presbyterian Church, is coming up Saturday, August 21 from 10:00-4:00 on the church grounds. This year’s theme is “Building Blocks of Peace.” Here are a few ways to get involved:

**Multicultural Festival T-Shirts** are available for order. Shirts (sizes Youth Small through 3XL) are only \$10. Please submit your order to Debbie McCoy or Jeff Moles by July 15. A limited quantity of shirts will be available at the festival on Saturday, August 21, but ordering ahead will ensure that you get the size you want.



**Yard Signs** are available to promote the Owensboro Multicultural Festival. You may check one out for your yard in the hallway near the Clinton Place door.

**Follow @OwensboroMulticulturalFestival** on Facebook and help spread the word!



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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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