



Sarah & Abraham, Julie Lonneman

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Tenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sunday, June 11, 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.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:1-12

All who are righteous, shout with joy to our God!

Let us sing a new song!

Praise God and give thanks, with organs, with guitars, with all kinds of instruments!

Shout out loud with joy!

Because our Creator's word is right, and everything God does is done for our good.

Let your faithful love surround us, O God!

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 51

To Abraham and Sarah

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

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

Christ came for us in the midst of our sins. Knowing that Jesus meets us where we are, let us offer our prayers of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness. For we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith, but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rom. 4:25

Jesus was delivered to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace! **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.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 817)

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**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."**

**And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
May we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By your Word, O God, everything was made. Your Word is powerful and can transform the hearts of people. Speak to us today, O God. Open our hearts and minds to your renovating Word, and give us guidance and strength. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-9 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 4:13-25 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Children of Abraham

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a 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

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MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *The Lord is My Light and My Salvation*
Kirstin Ahnell, Clarinet

John Rutter

One thing have desired of the Lord, which I will
require; even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to
behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
(Text from 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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, send us out from our 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 353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*

Communion Servers: *Suzanne Guyer & Patrick Corkran*

The Life of the Church

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

Safe Child Policy Training & VBS Volunteer Meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall after church today. The safe child training is required of anyone who is planning to work with children or youth at any time over the next year.

VBS is coming up June 20, 21, and 22 from 9:00am-12:00pm. We are excited about this time with kids age 4 through 5th grade! See the registration form on the insert to sign up.

Two Community Events are coming up where the church will have a booth. We welcome church members to join us as we connect with our neighbors.

Juneteenth Celebration – Sat., June 17 at English Park, 4:00-7:30pm

We will highlight the Multicultural Festival at this event that includes live entertainment, vendors, and exhibitors

Owensboro Pride Picnic – Sun., June 25 at Unity Fellowship, 625 Allen St, 12-4pm
Visibility Walk at Noon, Picnic with Free Food, Vendors, Music, and more begins at 1:00. Join us as we spread the good news of God's radically inclusive love.

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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