



Ullswater, Early Morning by John Glover, 1824

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sunday, June 27, 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

Ps. 30:4, 11; Lam 3:22-23

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones. Give thanks to God's holy name.

You have turned my mourning into dancing;

you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness!

*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 35

Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Matt Curry

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 John 3:2

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You shower us with blessings, with chances to know your grace. Still, O Lord, we twist your promises and pray for blessings we can own. You call us to leave our selfish ways and follow your call to compassion. Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief over transformative faith. You have told us that your love is enough, that the waters of mercy will not run dry. Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust, hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own. Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness, offer us a chance to try again.

(Moment for silent meditation and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Desmond Tutu

Goodness is stronger than evil.

Love is stronger than hate.

Light is stronger than darkness.

Life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours through God who loves us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and freed. **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 435)

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

2. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:22-33

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

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

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

SERMON

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed (Question and Answer)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

Suzanne Guyer & Rick Sears

Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, accept Suzanne as an elder and Rick as a deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who is the head of the Church? **We do.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*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 -
san - na in _ the high - est. Bless - ed _ is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. _ Ho - san - na in _ the
high - est, _ ho - san - na in _ the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the first staff, the lyrics are written: "*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and". The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics: "might, heav - en and earth _ are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues with lyrics: "san - na in _ the high - est. Bless - ed _ is he who comes". The fourth staff continues with lyrics: "in the name of the Lord. _ Ho - san - na in _ the". The fifth staff concludes the piece with lyrics: "high - est, _ ho - san - na in _ the high - est." The music ends with a double bar line.

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

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world – because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Emma Curry*

Communion Servers: *Deanna and Lloyd Wehrung*

The Life of the Church

Bountiful Harvest is an initiative through which unsold goods from the Farmer's Market are gathered and donated to local food programs. Volunteers are needed on Saturdays this summer. Contact Amy Frederickson-Wilkey or the church office if you would like to help.

Our Summer Wisdom Book series for kids age 4 through 5th grade continues today during worship. Children will depart the sanctuary following the time with young disciples and will return for communion.

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 and click "Email Signup" to subscribe.



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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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