



Rainbow, Sun, and Birds by Sylvie Johnson

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 19, 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

In God's order, our world gets turned upside down.

The first are last, the last are first.

The poor are blessed, the hungry are filled, the weeping laugh.

The powerful are brought down from their thrones.

The rich are sent away empty.

Nations beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

**The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
and a little child shall lead them.**

And so we come as children,

Ready to rest in God's arms.

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

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

Mark 9:35

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Let us humble ourselves before God as we confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we commit ourselves to service, but fail to have a servant's heart. We seek social status, not sacrifice. We welcome worldly success, not the humble path of Christ. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from the pressures of the world that keep us jockeying for position. Help us be servants of all.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

CHORAL RESPONSE (Hymn 575) *Kyrie Eleison*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **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 754)

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As children welcomed to your presence, instill within us a sense of curiosity and wonder as we gather to listen to your Word. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1 Here ends the Psalm. **Amen.**

Mark 9:30-37 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“The Greatest of All Time”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Phil. 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*Offerings may be placed in the plates at each door as you exit the sanctuary today.
Online giving is available at fpcobky.com.*

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Come, Dove of Heaven

Mark Miller

*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 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

**Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your table where all are
welcome, and for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst
with the cup of blessing. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may
we be a source of your love and hope for others who hunger and thirst for
good news. Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN 487

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Susan Godthaab*

Communion Servers: *Suzanne Guyer & Debbie McCoy*

Liturgical Resources Used: *Presbyterian Outlook; LiturgyLink*, Rev. Stephen Fearing

The Life of the Church

Service Worship Sunday will be held next Sunday, September 26. We will gather for a brief time together at 9:30am and then engage in a variety of service opportunities from around 10am-noon. Sign-up sheets for our service projects are located in the hallway near the Clinton Place entrance.

A Piano Recital will be presented this afternoon at 2:00 in our sanctuary by Dr. Kevin Priebe, who is professor of music at Kentucky Wesleyan College. He will be performing works by Chopin and Beethoven.

Fall Pastor's Bible Study continues on Zoom at 6:00pm each Wednesday. This week's discussion will focus on chapter 4 of the Gospel of Mark.

The Annual FPC Golf Scramble at Ben Hawes will be Sunday, September 26 beginning at 12:10. Dinner will follow at Longhorn's. Contact Patti Price, 270-314-6099, for more information.



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