



## Service of Midday Prayer

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

First Presbyterian Church

### OPENING SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord, <b>Maker of heaven and earth.</b>	Ps. 124:8
Remove the sandals from your feet, <b>For the place on which you are standing is holy ground.</b>	Ex. 3:5
The Lord is my strength and my might, <b>And has become my salvation.</b>	Ex. 15:2

### PSALM 114 (Hymn 58)

PISGAH

1. When Israel was going forth  
from out of Egypt's land,  
and Jacob's house from foreign tongues  
they could not understand,
  
2. to be God's holy dwelling place,  
God's choice on Judah fell,  
and there as God's dominion took  
God's chosen Israel.

3. The sea beheld and fled away;  
the Jordan stopped its flow.  
The mountains skipped like rams; the hills  
like lambs skipped to and fro.
4. O sea, why did you run away?  
O Jordan, why turn tide?  
You mounts and hills, like rams and lambs,  
why leap on every side?
5. O tremble, earth, before the Lord;  
the God of Jacob fear;  
God made the rock a water pool,  
the stone a fountain clear.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of freedom,  
you brought your people out of slavery with a mighty hand.  
Deliver us from our captivity to pride  
and indifference to the needs and gifts of others,  
that we may be ready to love as you have loved us,  
and to give even as we have received. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE Exodus 14: 19-31

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

Sung Response:

*Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,  
Loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.*

#### REFLECTION

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

HYMN 493

Now There Is No Male or Female

OMNI DIE (Trier)

1. Now there is no male or female; now there is no free or slave;  
Now there is no Jew or Gentile in the earth Christ died to save.  
Christ has set us free for freedom: we no more sing slavery's creed;  
Old submissions cannot claim us; Christ has set us free indeed.
2. Crucified with Christ the Savior, baptized in his holy death,  
And as Christ was raised to glory we have new life on this earth.  
Power of water and God's naming, turning us from dark to light,  
Joins us to those who, before us, ran the race and fought the fight.
3. Death has no dominion o'er him, so for us death holds no power,  
Life's own waters now have marked us, born to God this very hour.  
From this moment and forever dead to sin, alive in Christ,  
Born of water and the Spirit, now in Christ we find our life.

## DISMISSAL

The Lord will reign forever and ever.

Ex. 15:18

**Amen.**

Bless the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**