

First Presbyterian Church

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to our Worship Service!

We are so glad you are here.

July 26, 2020

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE – *If You Will Only Let God Guide You* Georg Neumark, 1657

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – When Morning Gilds the Skies**

**When morning gilds the skies, My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from Alison Pepper

**Lord of our darkest place: Let in your light. Lord of our greatest fear:
Let in your peace. Lord of our most bitter shame: Let in your word
of grace. Lord of our oldest grudge: Let in your forgiveness. Lord of
our deepest anger: Let it out. Lord of our loneliest moment: Let in
your presence. Lord of our truest self — our all: Let in your
wholeness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.**

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Solo - *He's Been Faithful* Carol Cymbala
Jasmine Williams, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 73 (NRSV)

Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills. Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence. From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil imaginations have no limits. They scoff, and speak with malice; with arrogance they threaten oppression. Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth. Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance. They say, “How would God know? Does the Most High know anything?” This is what the wicked are like—always free of care, they go on amassing wealth. Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence. All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments. If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children. When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny. Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin. How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors! They are like a dream when one awakes; when you arise, Lord, you will despise them as fantasies. When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

The Ways of Worship, A Journey Through the Psalms

Worship Means Wrestling

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Debtors version

**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.
FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
THE POWER AND THE GLORY. AMEN.**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

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***OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison) Adapted from St. Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274**

**Most loving Lord, give us a steadfast heart, which no unworthy thought
can drag downwards; an unconquered heart, which no hardship can
wear out; an upright heart, which no worthless purpose can ensnare.
Give us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to
seek you, and a faithfulness that will finally embrace you; through Jesus
Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN – Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!**

At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE –** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Anna Laura Page

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Facebook Live! — Broadcast at Noon, each Monday through Friday

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – Prayer on the Patio

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - Zoom meeting Bible study and prayer time

Remember - everyone is always invited, welcomed and loved!

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WELCOME VISITORS!

It is our hope that you will feel invited, welcomed, and loved as you worship with us. First Presbyterian Church is a family of faith committed to families, peacemaking, and mission. All are welcome. For information, visit us at our **web site at: fpcoh.org**

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Go to “Worship;” click on “Sermon & Worship;” on right side of screen,
click on “download this week’s church bulletin.”

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Each Sunday morning:

at 9:00 a.m., **Prayer on the Patio**, in-person with Pastor Kennedy; and

at 11 AM, Pastor Kennedy’s **Zoom meeting Bible study and prayer time.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/762642399?pwd=R2NmZ2NiSERlcWRrRzEwLlplLL2lSUT09>

And if they ask for a password, it will always be - Invited.

(Since Zoom might feel a little intimidating, included is a link with a brief and super helpful video that will tell you all you need to know about joining a zoom meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E> - if you watch this, you’ll be Zoom ready.

As the narrator of the video explains, Zoom is a great way to stay connected in these days of Covid 19.

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