

**First Presbyterian Church**

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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Welcome to our Worship Service!**

**We are so glad you are here.**

**September 13, 2020**

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**WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION**

**PRELUDE – *Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine* . . . . . Dale Wood**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o’er us, Joining all in heaven’s plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS . . . . . Adapted from Mother Janet Stuart, 1857-1914**

**Dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, We hold all our weakness to your strength, our failure to your faithfulness, our sinfulness to your perfection, our loneliness to your compassion, our little pains to your great agony on the Cross. We pray that you will cleanse us, strengthen us, and hide us, so that in all ways, our life may be lived as you would have it lived, without cowardice and for you alone. In Your name we pray. Amen.**

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever will be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Solo** - *There Is a Fountain* . . . . . arr. Nicol Sponberg, Todd Smith, and Allan Hall  
Michael Gonzalez, soloist

**SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 32:22-33:4 (NRSV)**

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** ..... Kennedy M. McGowan

**Trusting in the Mystery, The God You Don't Expect  
God, The Wounder and the Loser**

**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 Jane Grayshon  
Midwife and writer, afflicted with chronic pain for 30 years

**May we long not for the smoothness of sand which looks good, and feels  
flat, and is easy to walk on but will not withstand a storm. May we build  
our hopes on you. Though you may not prevent the storms, you keep us  
firm within them. So even if we're battered, we cannot fall except deeper  
into a crevice in the rock; deeper into you. In the name of the One who is  
our Rock and Refuge we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN – Lead On, O King Eternal**

**Lead on, O King eternal, The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:  
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning Where'er Thy face appears;  
Thy cross is lifted over us; We journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE –** *Cortege* ..... Gordon Young

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

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

**Sunday: 10:15 a.m. – Live Streaming of Worship Service**

**Sunday: 11:15 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](http://fpcoh.org)**

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Each Sunday morning:

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

Sunday: 10:15 a.m. – Zoom Live Streaming of Worship Service

11:15 a.m., Pastor Kennedy’s Zoom meeting Bible study and prayer time.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/762642399?pwd=R2NmZ2NiSERlCWRRzEwLlplLL2lSUT09>  
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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