

**First Presbyterian Church**

1530 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Florida 33020-5240

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Welcome to our Worship Service!**

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

**September 6, 2020**

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**WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION**

**PRELUDE** – *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* ..... Don Hustad

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**\*HYMN – Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.**

**PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS** ..... Adapted from John V. Taylor (1914-2001)

**Lord Jesus Christ, alive and at large in the world, help us to know and follow you there today, in the places where we work, meet people, spend money, and make plans. Treat us as a disciple of your kingdom, to see through your eyes and hear the questions you are asking, to welcome all others with your trust and truth, and to change the things that contradict God’s love, by the power of the cross and the freedom of your Spirit, we pray, in Jesus name, Amen.**

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*AMAZING GRACE (# 280, verse 1)**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.**

**I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.**

**Solo - Steal Away** ..... arr. Roland Hayes

J'Von Brown, soloist

**THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 18:1-21 (NRSV)**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

Then the men set out from there, and they looked toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to set them on their way. The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, seeing that Abraham shall become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? No, for I have chosen him, that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice; so that the LORD may bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

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

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

*God, The Beginner and the Ender*

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**\*OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** . . . . Adapted from the Prayer of an African Christian

**O God, enlarge our hearts, that it may be big enough to receive the  
greatness of your love. Stretch our hearts that it may take into it all  
those who with us around the world believe in Jesus Christ. Stretch it  
that it may take into it all those who do not know him, but who are  
our responsibility because we know him. And stretch it, that it may  
take in all those who are not lovely in our eyes, and whose hands we  
do not want to touch; through Jesus Christ, Our Savior. Amen.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**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.**

**Word's of Institution**

**Communion of Bread and Cup**

**\*HYMN – Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and  
heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word  
around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table He sets the tone, teaching  
people to live to bless, Love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives  
again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE – *Recessional* . . . . . Anne A. Davis**



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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!**



**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)**



**The church and Learning Centers' offices  
will be closed Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
for the Labor Day holiday.**



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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=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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