

First Presbyterian Church

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to our Worship Service!

We are so glad you are here.

September 20, 2020

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE – Pastoral George Blake

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

**Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from Thomas Wilson, 1663-1755

**Grant, O God, that amidst all the discouragements, difficulties, dangers,
distress and darkness of this mortal life, we may depend upon your
mercy and grace, and on this build our hopes, as on a sure foundation.
Let your infinite mercy in Christ Jesus deliver us from despair, both now
and at the hour of death. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***How Firm a Foundation -**

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Solo - *How Great Thou Art* arr. Lloyd Larson
Carolyn Smylie, soloist**

SCRIPTURE READING – Ruth 1:1-21 (NRSV)

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to

her. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" She said to them, "Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the LORD has dealt harshly with me, and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

**Trusting in the Mystery, The God You Don't Expect
*God, The No-Show***

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 Hadewijch of Brabant, 13th Century**

**As the beautiful, dew-covered rose rises from amongst its thorns, so may
our hearts be so full of love for you, our God, that we may rise above the
storms and evils that assail us, and stand fast in trust and freedom of spirit.
In you who are our refuge and strength, we make our prayer. Amen.**

***HYMN – God of Grace and God of Glory**

**God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces, Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not them nor Thee!
That we fail not them nor Thee!**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE – *Fanfare* Lynn Trapp**

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

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

Sunday: 11:30 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,
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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

11:30 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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