

July 7, 2019

9:30 a.m.

4th Sunday after Pentecost
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME

We're delighted that you're here! Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubts, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that includes you.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *My Savior's Love* Charles H. Gabriel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT 388 *Come, All You People* UYAI MOSE
***Come all you people, come and praise your Maker; (3x)
come now and worship the Lord.***

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 143:8
In the morning let us know of your love,
for we put our trust in you.
**Show us the way that we must take,
for our heart is set on you.**

* HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION U.N. Environmental Sabbath
**Gracious God, who made the covenant promise with our
ancestors, we gather here today a rebellious people.
We want to act out your intentions for us, but we keep getting
mixed up by all the glitter of the world around us.
You tell us to honor creation, but we use other people and
animals and plant life only to meet our wants.
You offer daily bread to every living creature, but we steal that
bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of our greed.
You promise us new life, but we shrink back from it in fear.
Heal us, God, lest we destroy ourselves.
We need your presence among us. Amen** *(Silent Confession)*

*KYRIE 48 *Rain Down* RAIN DOWN
***Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love, God of life.***

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA 589 *Alleluia* HONDURAS ALLELUIA
***Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.***

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
(Please greet one another with: "The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you.")

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Kit MacLeod

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 692
***Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.***

FIRST READING Genesis 1:24-31
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALTER Psalm 8
Lord our God, the whole world tells the greatness of your name.
Your glory reaches beyond the stars.
**Even the babble of infants declares your strength,
your power to halt the enemy and the avenger.**

I see your handiwork in the heavens:
the moon and the stars you set in place.

**What is humankind that you remember them,
the human race that you care for them?**

You treat them like gods, dressing them in glory and splendor.
You give them the charge of the earth, laying all at their feet:

**cattle and sheep, wild beasts, birds of the sky,
fish of the sea, every swimming creature.**

Lord our God, the whole world tells the greatness of your name.

ANTHEM *Fill My Cup, Lord* Richard Blanchard
Kathy Sexton, soloist

SECOND READING Genesis 2: 4-8, 15
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE 692
***Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.
Spirit open my heart.***

SERMON Caring for God's Creation: *A Purpose and a Place*
Rev. Sam Hamilton-Poore

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH U.N. Environmental Sabbath Program

We join with the earth and with each other.
To bring new life to the land
To restore the waters
To refresh the air
We join with the earth and with each other.
To renew the forests
To care for the plants
To protect the creatures

We join with the earth and with each other.

To celebrate the seas
To rejoice in the sunlight
To sing the song of the stars

We join with the earth and with each other.

To create the human community
To promote justice and peace
To remember our children of the earth

We join with the earth and with each other.

**We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery:
for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.**

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Part of your offering
today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the
end of your row. To be directed to our online giving site, scan here:*



THE OFFERTORY *Give Thanks* arr.Craig Curry

*THE DOXOLOGY 609
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise....

Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us; with the angels
of light who envelop us; with brothers and sisters, east and west; and
with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are
close to us, we join in the song of unending praise:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**
...As the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into
us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your
flesh, loving and caring in the world, as we join in the prayer that you
taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ICET

Setting by David Haas



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the
time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the
king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

To receive, please come forward to the station nearest you, take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice, and eat. The center station contains gluten-free, dairy free bread.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 37 *This Is My Song* FINLANDIA

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION 80 (XX=clap two times)

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands [XX];
the trees of the field will clap their hands [XX];
the trees of the field will clap their hands [XX];
while you go out with joy.*

*POSTLUDE *Oh Happy Day* arr. Paul Johnson

*Please stand as you are able.

WE WELCOME VISITORS! To learn more about us, please visit www.fpcbham.org.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME? Our Session meets on *first Sundays* in the Chapel following worship to welcome new members. We hope you'll make First your home!

FOR CHILDREN: Children's bags are available in the Narthex. Please empty and return the bags after worship. We love having kids in worship, but, if you prefer, a *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 go to the balcony, where they worship while doing learning activities related to the scripture. When Communion or Baptism are celebrated, children return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

LET THE BELLS PLAY! Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon, installed in 1924, was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please use the Prayer Request and Information Change cards, found in the pew rack, to relay information to the church office. Print your name and any other necessary information and place it in the offering plate.

SERMONS are available from our website at www.fpcbham.org.

The LITURGIST for today is Janell Ahnert.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST LIGHT, INC. offers shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light's website: www.firstlightshelter.org

RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO) offers spiritual companionship to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org.

THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center's website is www.eprcdc.com

FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA, a community-organizing effort with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at daniel@fiaal.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION helps maintain this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity aids mission. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

THE REV. TERRY HAMILTON-POORE, Pastor and Head of Staff

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