

July 21, 2019

9:30 a.m.

6th 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 *You Are My Hiding Place* arr. Mark Hayes

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

When the paths we trod are tired and worn,
the wind of the Spirit revives us.
When our souls are dry and parched,
new life springs forth at God's word.
Let all who are weary come! Let all who are thirsty come!
Let us worship God together.

* HYMN 664 *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your word gave us life and your works surround us.
Yet we forget your commandments, hoarding and exploiting the abundance of creation. Forgive our constant striving for *more*, and help us be satisfied with *enough*. By sharing what we have, may we learn to trust in your constant renewal of creation. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

*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

Patti Winter

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.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:18-25

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Wonder as I Wander
(Appalachian Carol)
David Bryson, soloist

John Jacob Niles

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Caring for God's Creation: *Dry Bones*

Rev. Cat Goodrich

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing

**to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

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

Change my Heart Oh God

Carol Peterson

*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....

We join our voices with the faithful of every time and place who forever give glory to your name:

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....

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 713

Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS

*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

How Majestic is Your Name

arr. Jennifer Cook

*Please stand as you are able.

WE WELCOME VISITORS Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at www.fpcbham.org.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, our Session meets on the *first Sunday of the month* in the Chapel following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

FOR CHILDREN: Children's bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. We love having kids in worship, but the following alternatives are also available: *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 experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children's bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord's Supper 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 was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

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 information you may need to relay to the office and place it in the offering plate.

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

The LITURGIST for today is Su Reid St John.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST LIGHT, INC. is a mission center of FPC, giving 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) has as its mission to become spiritual companions 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.eprdc.com

FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares 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@faal.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

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