



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 26, 2020

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

If God is for us, who can be against us?  
**Nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ.**

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.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.**

**Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.**

**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!**

**Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore,  
Serving Thee whom we adore.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, your kingdom confounds us.  
You challenge our assumptions about right living  
and stretch our understanding of what holds worth.**

**You reverse our expectations and reorder our priorities  
until they reflect your vision of well-being for your children.  
Your kingdom surprises us with grace upon grace.  
But we cling to the values of this world,  
which privilege products over people, success over service,  
and competition for resources over the common good.  
Open us to new ways of living  
that embody your desire for creation  
and contribute to a commonwealth  
marked by justice, love, peace, and joy. AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON – “Gloria Patri”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN, AMEN.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON – I Kings 3:3-15

SECOND LESSON – Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

SERMON – “The Humility to Seek Wisdom” – Rev. Lorenz

HYMN – “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

**Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;  
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;  
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;  
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.**

**Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;  
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;  
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;  
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.**

**Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;  
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;  
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;  
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.**

**Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;  
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.  
We yield ourselves to Thee—time, talents, all;  
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED (traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, Creator of all things,  
everything on earth is yours.  
We have nothing that can make you richer,  
for everything comes from your hand.  
But what we have we bring –  
the acknowledgment that we give thanks to you,  
and that without you we have nothing and can do nothing.  
Receive and bless these gifts for your holy work,  
and bless those who give offer them to you. AMEN**

HYMN – “Seek Ye First”

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE – “God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again”

**God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a Shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

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Today's Worship Service Participants are:  
The Rev. Anthony Lorenz, Pastor; The Rev. Bill Beck, worship assistant;  
Arthur Thompson, organist; Ron & Deb Richcreek, vocalists; Joe Shane, camera