



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### ORDER FOR WORSHIP THE 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 30, 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.**

Jesus said: Take up your cross and follow me.  
**Let us rise and follow our Living God.**

HYMN – “Wonderful Words of Life”

**Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of life.  
Words of life and beauty Teach me faith and duty:**

***(Refrain)***

**Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life,  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life.**

**Christ, the blessed One, gives to all Wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of life.  
All so freely given, Wooing us to heaven:  
*(Refrain)***

**Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful word of life:  
Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of life.  
Jesus, only Saviour, Sanctify forever:  
*(Refrain)***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ your Son. 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 – Exodus 1:8-14

SECOND LESSON – Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON – “Who Do You Know?” – Rev. Lorenz

HYMN – “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

**Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
If you would My disciple be;  
Take up your cross with willing heart,  
And humbly follow after Me.**

**Take up your cross, let not its weight  
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ’s strength shall bear your spirit up  
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.**

**Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
And let your foolish heart be still;  
The Lord for you accepted death  
Upon a cross, on Calvary’s hill.**

**Take up your cross, then, in Christ’s strength,  
And calmly every danger brace:  
It guides you to abundant life  
And leads to victory o’er the grave.**

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

**God of all goodness and grace,  
receive the gifts we offer;  
and grant that our whole life  
may give you glory and praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

HYMN – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

**Jesus, keep me near the cross; There a precious fountain,  
Free to all – a healing stream – Flows from Calvary's mountain.  
(Refrain)**

**In the cross, in the cross, Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find Rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning Star Shed its beams around me.  
(Refrain)**

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day With its shadow o'er me.  
(Refrain)**

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand Just beyond the river.  
(Refrain)**

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.**



Today's Worship Service Participants are:  
The Rev. Anthony Lorenz, Pastor  
The Rev. Bill Beck, worship assistant  
Arthur Thompson, organist  
Marsha & Lee Krotseng, vocalists  
Joe Shane, camera