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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

WILLIAM BRADBURY

Sing and rejoice! Sing and rejoice!
Let all things living now sing and rejoice!
Alleluia!

Come, children of God,
rejoice in your Maker!
Sing songs and hymns, old and new;
celebrate with voices and instruments,
with praise and prayers!
Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.
For God is already here, among us and within us,
bringing new life to all who believe. Let's praise God together!

The Call to Worship reminds us that worship begins with God, who takes the initiative in calling us together. We respond by praising God.

* SONG

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

"ROYAL OAK"

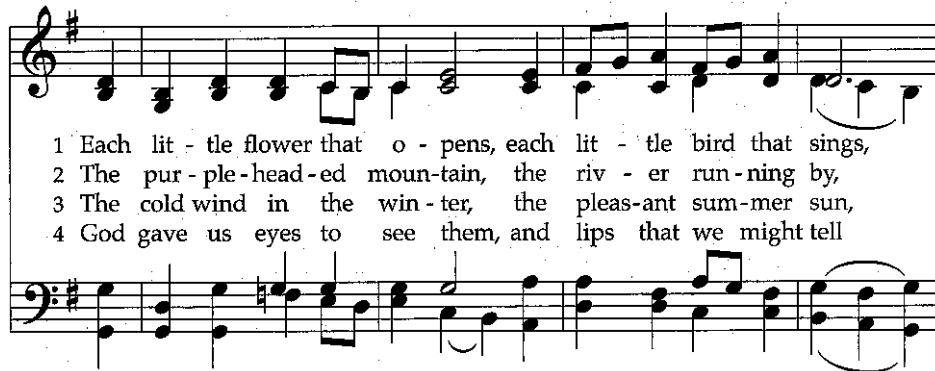
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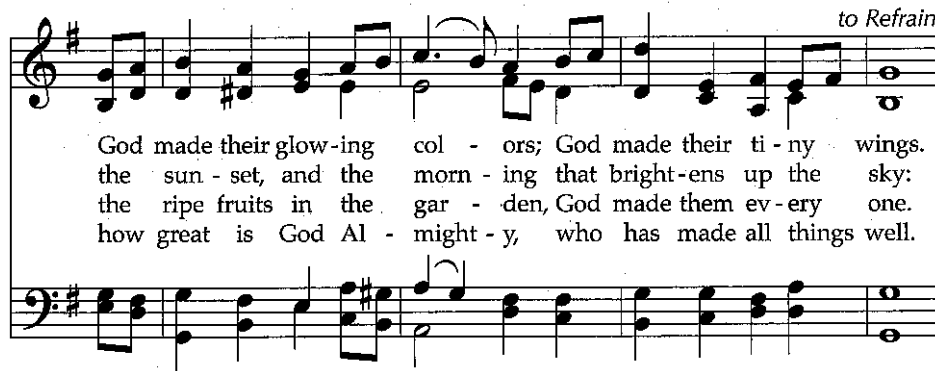
All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All you ask of us is to love one another, God of our lives, and you are more than willing to teach us how. Yet we find this simple request so hard to carry out, this easy lesson so difficult to learn. Someone cuts us off in traffic, and we curse them.

Another buys something we want but cannot afford, and we overflow with jealousy.

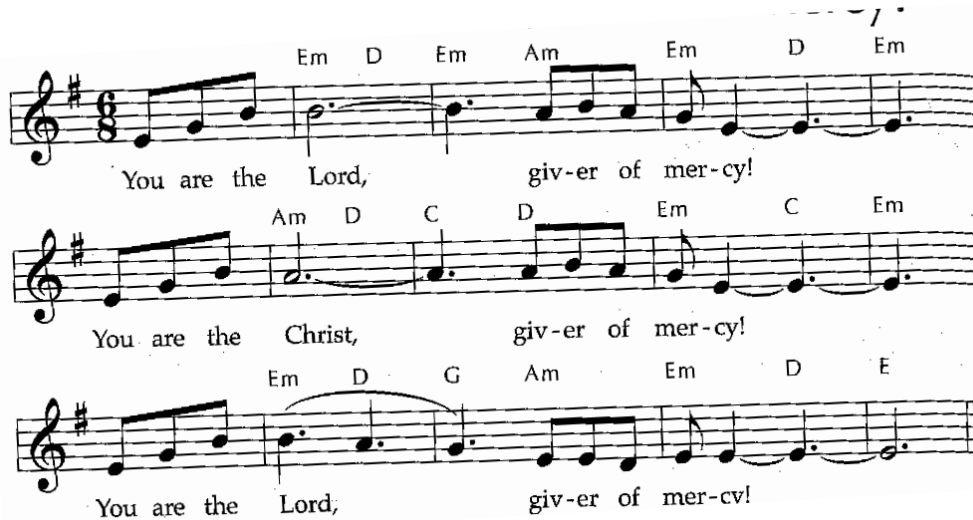
A friend gets the acclaim we wanted, and we whisper about them behind their backs.

Forgive us, Merciful God, and unclasp our hands from our grudges. With Christ in our midst, we can become the people you have called us to be: loving, merciful, gentle, and compassionate children of God... *(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

KYRIE ELEISON

YOU ARE THE LORD, GIVER OF MERCY!

"WAYFARING STRANGER"



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

2, 3, 30, 300 - we have gathered as God's people:
broken, we are made whole;
alone, we are welcomed into a family;
forgiven, we are sent to serve.
We are fed, forgiven, restored, and loved.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

* RESPONSE

GLORY TO GOD

"GLORIA"



* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace. It is not an interruption of the service for social conversation but an integral part of the service where we greet one another as reconciled people.

ANTHEM

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL
MEMBERS OF THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

TRADITIONAL LATIN HYMN

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
our common life embraces all whose maker is the same.

We return to the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary today after spending the summer with the Narrative Lectionary.

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 18:15-20

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* SONG

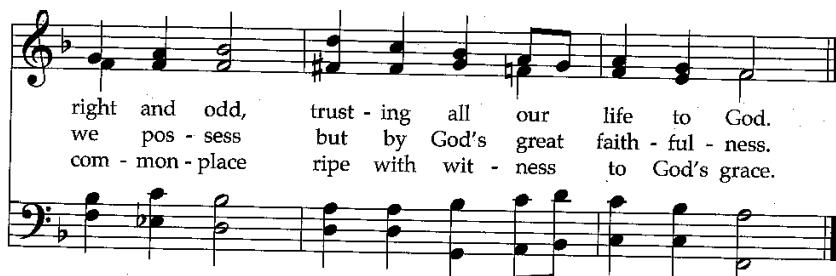
FAITH BEGINS BY LETTING GO

"LUX PRIMA"

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the



COMMISSIONING OF WEST VIRGINIA MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*(Since our service is broadcast on the radio, please make sure
 you have permission to request prayer on behalf of another person.)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

* AT THE PRESENTATION

GOD IS SO GOOD

"GOD IS SO GOOD"

God is so good; God is so good;
 God is so good; God's so good to me.

God cares for all; God cares for all;
 God cares for all; God's so good to us.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* SONG

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

"DENNIS"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
 The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.
 And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
 and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Today, we
 commission Bob
 Courtney, Julie
 Courtney, Gary
 Hendrickson,
 Caroline Kelly,
 Mike Levitas, Phil
 Mills, and Judy
 Stern for their
 service in
 Kanawha County,
 WV, the week of
 September 17th,
 where they will be
 doing home repair
 and renovation as
 part of the long-
 term recovery
 response to the
 June 2016 flood.

* CHARGE

* BLESSING

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
LiturgistCathy Levitas
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musician.....Members of the Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Mike and Laura Fiscus

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music MinistriesBryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
Sexton.....John Brown
Sunday Worship Child Care Providers.....Ginny Reid and Jessie Gates

THE SESSION

Class of 2018: Carl Belt, Carolyn Mathews, Judy Stern, and Agnes Yount
Class of 2019: Shirley Giarritta, Phil Mills, Bill McElvie, and David Stickler
Class of 2020: Barbara Aber, Chelsea Boor, Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, and Joe Weaver

Clerk of Session.....Jeff Getty
Moderator.....Caroline Kelly

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God’s love in Christ where all of God’s children are:
· Welcomed and cherished
· Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
· Sent to share God’s love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

We now have a YOUTUBE CHANNEL which we are using to tape and broadcast worship live. Go to www.youtube.com and search for First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on “click here to view our worship service” located at the bottom of the home page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad that you decided to worship with us today. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn, and serve with us, we encourage you to visit our website at www.fpc-cumberland.org and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Feel free to join us for worship any Sunday at 11AM at First Presbyterian Church at 11 Washington Street, Cumberland.

SOUTH DAKOTA PRESENTATION: Join us after worship on September 24 in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and reflections from this year's Ihanktonwan Learning Camp participants.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is October 1st: The Worship and Music Committee members invite you to join in the spirit of worldwide communion by dressing in apparel from another country or wearing an accessory that represents another culture. Also, on October 1st we will have the opportunity to donate to the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. This offering funds the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, enabling them to bring in International Peacemakers, hold conferences, and advocate for active nonviolent solutions to conflict.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (11)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (12)

LEARNING TREE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE PARLOR

7:00 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY I IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (13)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

5:30 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY II IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

6:00 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL

7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (14)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

10:00 AM PRESBYTERY GATHERING: KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (15)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (16)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (17)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION

11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

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Copies of Pastor Caroline's sermons are available on the church website
at www.fpc-cumberland.org/worship/sermons.