

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 15, 2018

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHERE YOU GO

I will go

AND WHERE YOU STAY

I will stay.

YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE

My people

AND YOUR GOD

My God

Ruth 1:16

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY ○ *WHERE CAN I FLEE FROM YOUR PRESENCE?* FROM *THE SCHÜBLER CHORALES*
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN J. S. BACH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

THE GOD OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS
GAIL PLITNIK, SOPRANO

ERIC H. THIMAN

The God of Love my shepherd is, and he that doth me feed;
While he is mine and I am his, what can I want or need?
He leads me to the tender grass, where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently pass: In both I have the best.
Or if I stray, he doth convert, and bring my mind in frame,
and all this not for my desert, but for his holy name.
Surely thy sweet and wondrous love shall measure all my days;
And as it never shall remove, so neither shall my praise.

The opening voluntary and musical offering are Bach's own transcriptions from movements of his own cantatas. The opening voluntary is a paraphrase from Psalm 139.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
for all are welcome in God's house.
Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.
Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

* **HYMN #36**

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

"AR HYD Y NOS"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of overflowing grace,
we confess that we have failed
to live according to your way
of faithfulness and steadfast love.

You call us to live in faith
but we continue to live in fear.
You set us free from the power of evil
but we are still captivated by sin.
You lead us into a new way of life
but we remain in the ways of death.

Forgive us, loving God.
Open our hearts to the gift of your grace,
transform our lives by your Holy Spirit,
and teach us to love one another,
even as you have loved us;
through Jesus Christ our Savior...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE ELEISON #577

LORD, HAVE MERCY

"KYRIE ELEISON"

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* **RESPONSE #581**

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

"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.

* **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.)

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

The ritual of **confession and assurance** is not a time of judgment; it is a time of grace. It is not a time to fear God; it is a time to experience God's unending love through Jesus. It is a time to take a load off our shoulders so that we might more freely live.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

MATTHEW 5:3-9

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 4

ANTHEM

ENTREAT ME NOT TO LEAVE THEE

CHARLES GOUNOD

GAIL PLITNIK, SOPRANO

And Ruth said:

“Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee,
for whither thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest, I will lodge.

Thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God.

Where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried.

The Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me.”

SECOND READING

RUTH 1:1-22

THE NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

READERS' THEATRE: JULIE COURTNEY, GAIL FOSTER, CAROLINE KELLY

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #177

I WILL COME TO YOU

“YOU ARE MINE”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

-The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968, alt. 1998

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

This summer we are using the scriptures from the Narrative Lectionary instead of the Revised Common Lectionary, focusing on Biblical books and topics that fall outside the typical readings. Today is the first of four weeks focused on the Book of Ruth.

Today's **Affirmation of Faith** comes from the United Church of Canada, which was created in 1925 by the union of the Methodist Church, Canada, the Congregational Union of Canada and 70 percent of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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 *IF YOU WILL TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU FROM THE SCHÜBLER CHORALES*
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN J. S. BACH

* AT THE PRESENTATION #605 PRAISE TO GOD THE FATHER "DA N'ASE"
Praise to God the Father;
praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit;
praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #324 FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN "NYLAND"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SUNG BENEDICTION #306 BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS DENNIS
(Please join hands as we sing together.)

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY THANKSGIVING AT HARVEST TIME FROM RUTH F. H. COWEN
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

Just as the Call to Worship functions as the beginning of worship, the **charge and benediction** function as the beginning of our life lived as Christians in the world. God says to us, "Go!" and tells us how we should go.

* 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**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

- Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
- Liturgist.....Wesley Mason
- Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
- Soloist..... Gail Plitnik, Soprano
- Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
- Ushers.....Paul and Barbara Aber

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the lost and found box by the door to the parking lot. Any items left for more than 30 days will be donated to Goodwill.

VIOLINIST WESLEY MASON, a recent Frostburg State graduate and frequent guest artist at FPC, will be offering a free recital at 3:00 p.m. **today** at Christ Lutheran Church in LaVale. The program will feature Wesley and other area musicians playing a wide array of repertoire, including classical, jazz, gospel, and pop. A free-will offering will be taken to help Wesley raise funds for a new violin, after his current instrument suffered severe damage from woodworm. Please consider attending this concert and generously supporting Wesley's music ministry in our community! The church's address is [1222 Vocke Rd, Cumberland, MD 21502](https://www.fpc-cumberland.org/).

WHAT HAPPENED AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY? Join Melissa Courtney after worship **next Sunday, July 22nd** in the parlor for a conversation about actions taken by the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri (June 16-23, 2018). Melissa was commissioned to this year's General Assembly and served as the Baltimore Presbytery's Young Adult Advisory Delegate.

CUMBERLAND PRIDE 2018: This year's festival will take place **TODAY** from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Cumberland Historic Center, including a performance by the Dodges and the Pride Chorus (directed by the Dodges) at the McCrory Family Stage at the intersection of Liberty and Baltimore Streets. Local businesses, performers, and organizations are coming together to celebrate the LGBTQ community in and near the Cumberland area. Members of the LGBTQ community as well as their families and allies are invited to come out and enjoy an afternoon of togetherness.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of July 8, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$211,450.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 109,275.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 107,720.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,555.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

July 9, 2017
60

July 8, 2018
53

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA & AARON HENDRICKSON

THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE proudly announces the completion of the installation of LED lights throughout the church!

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & CHELSEA BOOR

COMMUNION MILESTONE: Join us Sunday, August 5 for a milestone focused on the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We'll provide breakfast foods starting at 8:30am in lieu of our after worship fellowship hour and spend time reflecting on the meaning and practice of communion before we share communion later during worship. We will provide a child-friendly conversation about communion but invite everyone to join us. Please RSVP to Brittany Jackson at firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com by August 2nd and bring a breakfast item to share. We will provide drinks

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

THE HIGHLANDERS GROUP will meet for lunch at Gehauf's Restaurant in LaVale **tomorrow, July 16th, at noon.** Highlanders is a fellowship group for senior adults. If you have any questions or if you need a ride, please contact Betty Richtmeyer at 301-759-4108.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR SUMMER LUNCHBOX 2018: Calling all sandwich makers and lunch packers....We have begun making and delivering lunches on Fridays this summer and will continue through Friday, August 10. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship from 9:30 - noon for any or all Friday mornings this summer. We welcome all helpers. Please sign up on the sheets in the side hallway at church or call Cathy Levitas at [301-707-7386](tel:301-707-7386) for more information.

OUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Union Rescue Mission provides a safe shelter, three hot meals per day, clothing, hygiene items, diapers, formula and other necessities to those in need in our community.

They are currently in dire need of:

- Tampons
- Baby wipes
- Diapers, size 4 - 6
- Soap bars, bath size
- Shampoo, regular size
- Conditioner, regular size
- Deodorant, women's & men's

Goal: 100 Packs

When: July through September

What: Donations of individual items

Where: Please place items in the marked donation box located in the foyer.



HELP IS NEEDED TO DELIVER DONATIONS TO THE UNION RESCUE MISSION: We are in need of persons to sign up to deliver the donations to the mission. We plan to deliver the items twice a month. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer beside the donation boxes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JULY (16)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:00 AM LEARNING TREE COOKING CAMP
1:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

TUESDAY, JULY (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:00 AM LEARNING TREE COOKING CAMP
6:30 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY II IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, JULY (18)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:00 AM LEARNING TREE COOKING CAMP
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY, JULY (19)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:00 AM LEARNING TREE COOKING CAMP

FRIDAY, JULY (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:00 AM LEARNING TREE COOKING CAMP
9:30 AM SUMMER LUNCHBOX PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JULY (21)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, JULY (22)

10:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
11:15 AM GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECAP WITH MELISSA COURTNEY IN THE PARLOR

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music MinistriesBryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
Sexton.....Zach Dodge
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
Sunday Worship Child Care Providers.....Addy and Jonathan Dayton

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.

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