**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 21, 2020**

Prelude Andante *from ‘Sonata No. 6’* Felix Mendelssohn

Bryan Lohr, Organ

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn #49   *The God of Abraham Praise* “Leoni”





 

Confession of Sin

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.**

**God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

 *(silent prayer)*

Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.” Psalm 62:1-2)

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

Sung Response #582

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 12:1-5

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+12&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-302a)]

4So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,

Anthem *Joyful Rhythm* Kevin McChesney

The JoyBells *(Streamed live on February 17, 2019)*

New Testament Lesson Philippians 4:4-7

4Rejoice[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+4%3A4-7&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-29430a)] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+4%3A4-7&version=NRSV" \l "fen-NRSV-29430b" \o "See footnote b)] 5Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Sermon *Abraham: Into the Unknown*

Hymn #741 *Guide My Feet* “Guide My Feet”







 

Prayers for one another, our community, our nation, ending with The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #339  *Lift Every Voice and Sing* “Lift Every Voice”







 







The Benediction

Response #306*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.**

Postlude *Fanfare for the Common Man* Aaron Copland

 Bryan Lohr, Organ arr. Thomas R. Vozzella

**This Morning’s Worship Leaders**

Preacher……...........…….................................……...................................................... Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young

Director of Music Ministries.....................................................................................................................Bryan Lohr

Sound Technician ..………...………………….................................................................................Joe Aurigemma

Ushers................................................................................................................Charlene Lelinski and John Mullan

**A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** of First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **today immediately after worship** to act on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to elect Evan Swanger to fulfil the unexpired term of Shirley Giarrittia for the session class of 2022.

**Music Notes**

In honor of Father’s Day, this morning’s prelude is the last of 6 Organ Sonatas, originally conceived by Felix Mendelssohn as improvisations, played on the organ at St. Paul’s Cathedral in London. Sonata No. 6 begins with the German chorale (hymn) tune that is traditionally sung to the Lord’s Prayer, beginning “Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.” Mendelssohn expands upon the tune with a series of 4 variations, building to a massive toccata-like texture, with the tune played in the organ pedals. This is followed by a much gentler fugue, based on the opening notes of the chorale tune. The work concludes with a gentle and soothing finale.

**Care & Outreach**

**Ruling Elders: Laura Fiscus & Josh Gilhart**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

* Polly Eyler (Recovering at Mountain City Center: Nursing and Rehab in Frostburg from a fractured vertebra)
* Betty Richtmeyer (Recovering from abdominal surgery)

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