

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2020      10:00 AM

PRELUDE

*Allegro, Air, and Minuet from Water Music Suite*  
Bryan Lohr, Organ

G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN#610

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

"Azmon"

(\*Please refrain from singing the hymns, but rather hum along.)

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as  
5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be  
dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
now and ev - er given by saints be - low and  
God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

CONFSSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:11-12)

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

Psalm 46(*Responsive reading*)

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**  
<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
    though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**  
<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
    God will help it when the morning dawns.  
<sup>6</sup>**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
    the God of Jacob is our refuge.<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>8</sup>**Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**  
<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
    he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
    he burns the shields with fire.  
<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth.”**  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
    the God of Jacob is our refuge.

ANTHEM

*The Black Stallion*  
Nancy Hodges, Piano

Carmine Coppola

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 3:21-26

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ<sup>a</sup> for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement<sup>b</sup> by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

SERMON

*“Abraham: Sodom & Gomorrah, or, The Righteousness of God”*  
*Genesis 18-19*

HYMN #506

*Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

"Copeland"

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;  
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled  
 dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:  
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -  
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -  
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -  
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they  
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his  
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con-verge a -  
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSICAL RESPONSE

*At The Table (Forever True)*

Brian Gibson

Nancy Hodges, Piano

HYMN #543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

"Green Tyler"

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -  
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

## THE BENEDICTION

RESPONSE #306

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds  
(Please do not hold hands.)*

"Dennis"

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

POSTLUDE

*Allegro Maestoso from Water Music Suite*  
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## This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....	Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
Liturgist.....	Hans Killius
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musician.....	Nancy Hodges, Paino
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	David Stickler and Evan Swanger

**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. We currently have openings for flower sponsorship on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

## CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: JAN LAYMAN & KRISTINA HALL

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** You can now submit your prayer request on the FPC website. Click the nurture tab and then prayer request.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

† Elizabeth Betts (Georgene McKenzie's granddaughter)  
† Rex Burton  
† Polly Eyler (Recovering at Mountain City Center: Nursing and Rehab in Frostburg from a fractured vertebra)  
† Betty Richtmeyer (Recovering from abdominal surgery)  
† Katie Ross (Upcoming surgery for oral cancer)  
† Memphis Russell (Elva Berry's great-grandson)  
† Carolyn Weaver (Upcoming knee surgery)  
† Agnes Yount