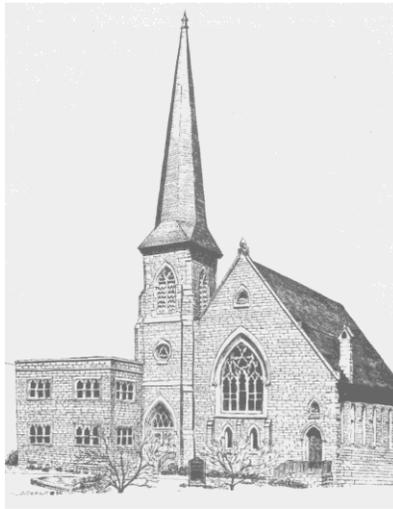


# SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

JULY 4, 2021

10:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

FANFARE FOR THE COMMON MAN  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

AARON COPLAND (1900-1990)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

We will extol you, O God, and bless your name forever.

**Every day we will bless you and praise your name.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised

**God's greatness is unsearchable.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord.

**All your faithful shall speak of your glory and tell of your power.**

The Lord is just and kind, and near to all who call on him.

**Therefore, we will speak the praise of the Lord and bless his name forever.**

Let us pray...

Generous God, we gather to thank you for lifting us up and filling us with joy and hope. Come to us as we worship this day that we may sense larger realities than the narrow focus of our daily concerns. Meet us and feed us at the Lord's Table, and then send us out to serve you gladly and completely, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \* HYMN #331

*GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND*

"NATIONAL HYMN"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of peace, we confess our on-going commitment to the values of this world rather than the standards of your kingdom. We have more respect for those who fight than those who seek peace. We cherish our possessions more than any impulse to generosity. We admire power more than wisdom; social status more than spiritual maturity. We want you to give us our desires rather than to conform ourselves to your will. Forgive us, we pray. Reorient us to your ways and refocus our lives, that we may live as faithful people through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

MARK 12:13-17

<sup>13</sup>Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. <sup>14</sup>And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? <sup>15</sup>Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." <sup>16</sup>And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

SECOND READING

II SAMUEL 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. <sup>18</sup>(He ordered that The Song of the Bow<sup>[al]</sup> be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:  
<sup>19</sup>Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen!  
<sup>20</sup>Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.  
<sup>21</sup>You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.  
<sup>22</sup>From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty.  
<sup>23</sup>Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.  
<sup>24</sup>O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. <sup>25</sup>How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.  
<sup>26</sup>I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.  
<sup>27</sup>How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

SERMON

"SEE HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN"

REV. DR. WALT PETERS

LITANY FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts:

For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,

**We thank you Lord.**

For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

**We thank you Lord.**

For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,

**We thank you Lord.**

For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

**We thank you Lord.**

For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,

**We thank you Lord.**

For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,

**We thank you Lord.**

For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers;  
for all who labor and provide for the common good,

**We thank you Lord.**

For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,

**We thank you Lord.**

For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,

**We thank you Lord.**

Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom,  
truth and justice.

**We pray to you Lord.**

That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

**We pray to you Lord.**

That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

**We pray to you Lord.**

That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you,  
and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

**We pray to you Lord.**

That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,

**We pray to you Lord.**

Gracious God, Father of all nations, bless and defend us and our land; prosper the work of our hands, and increase in  
us your grace and compassion, and our offerings of thanks to you, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

\* HYMN #338

O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

“MATERNA”

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

*(We are now passing the offering plates.*

*Please place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange prayer request cards in the offering plate.)*

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

FESTIVAL AMERICAN VOLUNTARY  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

CUTLER & JOHNSON'S  
AMERICAN CHURCH VOLUNTARIES, 1856

\* DOXOLOGY #609

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

“LASST UNS ERFREUEN”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low;**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

\* HYMN #337

MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE

"AMERICA"

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #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

PRESIDENT ADAMS' GRAND MARCH  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

FREDERICK DAMISH (FL. 1822-1829)

\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.  
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

### This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev.Dr. Walt Peters  
Liturgist.....Buck Belt  
Organist.....Judith Brown  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Judy Stern and Evan Swanger

### Worship Notes

**Today we welcome back our guest preacher, the Rev. Walt Peters**, to the pulpit. He served congregations in Macon, GA; Tampa, FL, and Augusta, GA, before coming to First Presbyterian in Westminster in 1999, being honorably retired by Baltimore Presbytery in October of 2013. In retirement he is an active participant in the Wild Wild West Ministry Group. He and his wife Rebecca reside in Hagerstown. They have three grown children and two grandchildren.

**The Litany for Independence Day** was written by Rick Morely, and Episcopal priest, and is used by permission. Currently the rector of an Episcopal Church in New Jersey, Fr. Morely served churches in Frostburg and Lonaconing from 2002 - 2009.

The hymns this morning are all uniquely American:

**"God of the Ages,"** the opening hymn, was written for the centennial celebration of American independence in 1876 by Daniel Roberts, a Civil War veteran who became an Episcopal priest after the war. The hymn tune - "National Hymn" - was composed by George Warren, a long-time church organist for churches in New York City.

**The text of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"** was written by Samuel Francis Smith who, at the time, was an Andover Theological Seminary student. It was first performed on July 4, 1831. Smith set his lyrics to the same melody as the British national song "God Save the King/Queen." Known as "America" in the United States, the hymn originated in Germany, and is also used as the basis of present-day national songs in Norway and Lichtenstein as well as the for imperial anthems in the Russian and German empires prior to World War I.

**"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"** (aka "America the Beautiful") was written in 1893 by Kathryn Bates, a professor of English literature at Wellesley College, following a trip up Pike's Peak. Published without a musical connection for the July 4<sup>th</sup> edition of a denominational newspaper in 1895, it quickly caught the public's imagination. Over the next few years, it was put to several different melodies for singing. But the one that seemed to work best is Samuel Ward's 1882 tune called "Materna." Ward was a piano and organ salesman who also served as the organist for a church in Newark, NJ, and his melody remains the musical foundation for the hymn.

## 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

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME:** A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! We are proud of being a "Big Tent Church" where everyone is welcome to join us in worshipping and serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. We welcome and encourage participants from all sexes including the LGBTQ+ community, all political parties, all races, and all walks of life. We welcome you to worship with us.

**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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](https://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland).

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** We 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. 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).

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

**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.

**SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS:** Please use orange prayer request cards in the back of the sanctuary by the bulletins to share any joys and concerns. Place the card in the offering plate once you have completed your request. The ushers will bring them to the pastor during the offering.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 24, 2021
Total 2021 Pledges Promised	\$192,124.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 400.00
<u>2021 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$191,724.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$98,629.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$97,812.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 817.00

**FAITH FORMATION**  
**RULING ELDER: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS**

**JOIN US FOR OUR CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE GOD KIND CHURCH RETREAT:** Mark **July 24<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar and join us for a daytime retreat with storyteller, Katie Ross. Katie will present Joseph, the unsung hero of Jesus' life, then assume the role of the Virgin Mary to recount what it was like to be the mother of God's child as Jesus was growing up. Creating dramatizations based on scripture and biblical research, Katie uses her imagination and storytelling skills to bring the Biblical stories to life.

Joseph and Mary both encountered God's messengers, preparing them for an opportunity to truly have a close encounter with God through His son - and their son - Jesus.

Mary and Joseph said YES to God. Are we willing to do the same? Through discussion, fellowship, fun, artistic expression, movement, music and silence we can learn together and experience close encounters with God.

**Saturday, July 24**, will find us at the church from **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a social time starting at 9:45 AM**. You are welcome to invite a friend or family member to come with you. Lunch provided by the Faith Formation Team will come from Orchid Owl Catering. **Your RSVP is needed by WED. JULY 14, 2021**

*Use the tear-off below to confirm your attendance and your lunch preference.*

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**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BY JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch will be provided and include choice of sandwich on a fresh bakery roll,  
potato chips, fresh fruit, celery & carrot sticks and a dessert.**

**Choice of Sandwich (1 per person):**

Turkey..... \_\_\_\_\_

Ham and Cheese..... \_\_\_\_\_

Italian Club..... \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Salad..... \_\_\_\_\_

Cream Cheese & Veg. \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSION**  
**RULING ELDER: AARON HENDRICKSON & JUDY STERN**

**MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS FROM PAKISTAN:** In June, usually the average temperature is 110 degrees Fahrenheit. The schools are always closed in this month, but due to Covid-19 once the rate of positive cases all over the country had gone down to 3, all the educational institutions have re-opened in the first week of June.

By the grace of God, all our schools have also opened. All the children are very happy to be back in their schools, to study from their teachers in the conducive environment of their schools, along with their classmates. Although the temperature is very high, still children very willingly come to school, which is very encouraging to see.

PEB team have made several visits to different schools. It was a joy to see bright, happy, radiant children smiling. Covid-19 protocols are still followed, by checking the body temperature, but masks are not compulsory.

Thank you indeed for your love and support. May God Bless you all.

Veda