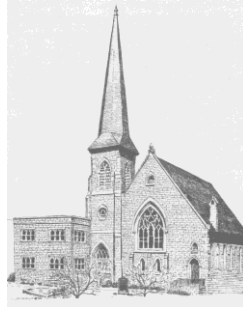


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 1, 2021

10:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

INTERMEZZO
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

PIETROMASCAGNI (1863-1945)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

A SIMPLE GIFT
BRENDA LUGER AND SHIRLEY MITCHELL, FLUTE; NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ARR. SHARON WILSON

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come together as one.

One people, gathered in the name of the one God.

We will worship together as one.

One community, giving praise and honor to the Righteous One.

We are being empowered as one by One.

One body and one Spirit, called to the hope of one calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all who is above all and through all and in all.

Now, in the name of the Three-in-One, we act as one.

One people, giving witness to the power of One.

* HYMN #14

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

"DIX"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

-A SUMMER PRAYER FOR GRACE

God of gentle rains and warm sun, God who encourages growth;

we are creatures who sometimes grow quickly, and sometimes get stuck.

God of freedom, of liberation, of binding ropes being cut;

we are bound in ways we don't always understand or recognize.

God of exodus and exile and homecoming, God who calls us to leave where we are and come home;

help us to have the courage to make the journey and to trust in the path.

God of health and healing, God who wants us to be made whole;

we come as people who are wounded in body and in spirit, people who seek healing.

God who has laid out a way for us to live, who has given us rules for living in community;

we come as people who sometimes go astray, people who stretch the rules.

God of Grace, we come as people who live through that Grace.

And so we praise you for the growth, we rejoice in being set free,

we dance along the path that leads us home, we give thanks for the healing we have received,

we relax in the knowledge that we are forgiven and we live as people of Grace. Amen.

-Written by Rev. Gord Waldie

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* SUNG RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

“GLORY TO GOD”

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

SCRIPTURE

EPHESIANS 4:1-7, 11-16

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

ANTHEM

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

ARR. PAUL CAMPBELL

BRENDA LUGER AND SHIRLEY MITCHELL, FLUTE; NANCY HODGES, PIANO

SERMON

“DON'T BE MODEST!”

REV. REBECCA VARDIMAN

* HYMN #733

WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION

“ES FLOG EIN WALDVOGELIN”

A THANK YOU TO REBECCA VARDIMAN FROM THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

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

CON SPIRITO

THOMAS ARNE (1710-1778)

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

* 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!

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.

* HYMN #69 HERE I AM, LORD "HERE I AM"

* 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 MAESTOSO, OP. 25 LEON BOELLMANN, (1862-1897)
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

* 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.Rebecca Vardiman
Liturgist.....David Stickler
Organist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....Brenda Luger and Sandy Mitchell, Flute; Nancy Hodges, Piano
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Paul and Barbara Aber

Today's Opening Voluntary is published by Warner/Chappell Music Ltd., London.

Today's Offertory is taken from "Old English Organ Music," and published by Oxford University Press.

Today's Postlude is published by Carl Fischer Inc. New York.

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 and 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).

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Rex Burton, on the one-year anniversary of his passing on August 2, by Sandra Burton. We have a flower opening available on August 8th. 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 July 25, 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	\$114,789.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$112,860.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,929.00

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & CARL BELT

COMMUNION SUNDAY: We will have Communion Sunday next Sunday, August 8th.