



Faith United
Presbyterian
Church
in Farmers Branch

*Glorify God, grow disciples, and
meet the needs of our neighbors.*



*14th Sunday
after Pentecost
August 29, 2021*

*Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter
of equity; you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Psalm 45:6-7a*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Songs Without Words Op. 19, No 1

Felix Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathleen Ferguson, Lay Liturgist

Leader: Come, gather to worship the God who is the source of every gift.

People: **In fulfillment of God's own purpose God gave us birth by the word of truth.**

Leader: God, who is the source of every blessing, has come to us.

People: **Tune our whole lives, hearts, minds, bodies, and souls to sing your praise, O Living God.**

◆ OPENING HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

GTG 32
ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Psalmist asks who may abide in the presence of the Lord. We are human; we fall short of walking blamelessly and doing what is right. Yet, God promises to transform our hearts into the likeness of Christ. Let us confess our sin in repentance and honesty, trusting completely in the grace of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Redeeming God, save us from our foolishness and guide us to your wisdom. Cleanse us of our brokenness that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you in our families and relationships, in our neighborhoods and communities. Renew us in Christ to do what is right and to speak the truth in love. Gather us in your righteousness and redemption for we seek your light and salvation, through Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Even though we are not worthy of being in God's presence, God has come to dwell with us through the body and being of the Son, Jesus Christ. Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us.

This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole in the Holy Spirit.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582
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.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Grant Us Thy Peace

Words by Mary McDonald, quoting Isaac Watts
Adapted & Arranged by Mary McDonald; Including Beethoven's Sonata 8, Mvt. 2

Katia Dinas, pianist

Come, Holy Spirit, heavn'ly Dove; Kindle a flame of sacred love. Grant us Thy mercy never to cease.
Come, Holy Spirit, grant us Thy peace; Come, Holy Spirit, grant us Thy peace.

O God, to us show mercy; Bless us in Thy grace. Cause Thou to shine upon us
the brightness of Thy face that so Thy way most holy on earth may soon be known.
And unto ev'ry people Thy saving grace be shown, thy saving grace be shown.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavn'ly Dove; Kindle a flame of sacred love. Grant us Thy mercy never to cease.
Come, Holy Spirit, grant us Thy peace. Come, Holy Spirit, grant us Thy peace. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

James 1:17-27

SECOND READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"Hands and Hearts"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Larger Catechism, 7.185

Q. 75. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they, whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are, in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole person after the image of God;¹ having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts,² and those graces so stirred up, increased and strengthened,³ as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise into newness of life.⁴

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

Just As I Am without One Plea

GTG 442
WOODWORTH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you**

OFFERING

Offertory

I Walked with God This Day

Tom Birchwood

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God of all blessing, we dedicate this offering, even as we offer ourselves in humility and commitment. Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service, our feet may walk the path of reconciliation, and our words may be words of peace, through Christ. Amen.

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

GTG 729

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

◆ CHARGE

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

◆ BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG – Glory to God Hymnal

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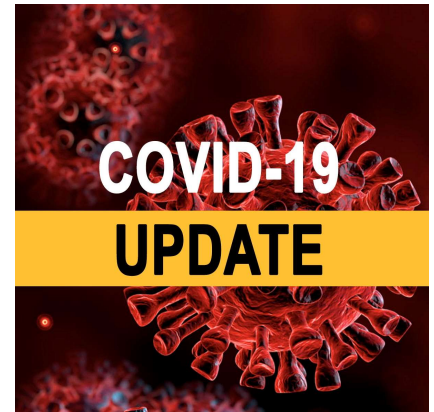


COVID Protocol Reminder

Everyone is tired of COVID and the resultant restrictions and limitations. However, it is important for us stay the course as we are confronted by the very dangerous Delta variant. So, a friendly reminder:

- Masks must be worn at all times while in the building by everyone.
- Everyone is asked to maintain social distancing while inside the building.
- Everyone is encouraged to use no-contact forms of greeting while inside the building.
- Remember the service is live-streamed on Facebook for those uncomfortable attending in-person and those who are not feeling well.

Thank you for your assistance, patience and cooperation as we work together to keep everyone safe! If you have any questions or questions, please contact Pastor Ken or any Session member.



Our thanks to musicians in worship!

Soprano

Caroline Busselberg
Shanae Kemp
Sarah Knoy
Mary Marxer
Rachel Moes
Natasha Wroblewski

David Pierce, Director of Music

Alto

Patti Sloey
Jessica Stottlemyer

Katia Dinas, Pianist

Tenor

Kyle Feather
Jeremy Rohwer

Bass

Kurt Booth
Rich Lewis
Malcolm Payne
Zachary Rohwer

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 29

11:00 a.m. FUPC Worship

11:00 a.m. Iglesia Emmanuel, Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 30

7:00 p.m. GA Room #2

Tuesday, August 31

7:30 p.m. OA, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 1

9:30 a.m. LTCDS, Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 3

9:00 a.m. LTCDS, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 4

9:00 a.m. GA, Room #2

11:00 a.m. OA, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 5

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m. FUPC Communion Worship

11:00 a.m. Iglesia Emmanuel, Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 6

Church Office Closed

for *Labor Day*

7:00 p.m. GA Room #2

PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz Roger Jones

Dennis Van Deventer Mike Jones

Kathie Heffler David Duell

George & Mozelle Mills John Marxer

Homebound or Recovering: Freddie Simmons,
Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

The FUPC Staff have returned to working from home!

Due to the uptick in Covid-19 Delta variant cases in north Texas, Pastor Ken, and Brenda Swindle have returned to working from home. They continue to check mail, emails, and messages daily. They are happy to receive your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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OPENING Hymn

32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

HYMN of MEDITATION

442 Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

come to thee,
 in, with - out,
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
 thine a - lone,

SPANISH

1 *Tal como soy de pecador,
 sin más confianza que tu amor;
 a tu llamada vengo a ti,
 ¡Cordero de Dios, heme aquí!*

KOREAN

1 큰-죄에 빠-진 날 위해
 주보-혈 흘려 주시고
 또-나를 오-라 하시니-
 주께로 거-저 갑니다

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

HYMN of DEDICATION

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

The Session

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Standing Committees of the Session

*Denotes Committee Moderator

B&G = Building & Grounds W&M = Worship & Music
O&E = Outreach & Evangelism Finance
CE = Christian Education CL = Church Life

CHOSEN TO SERVE

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