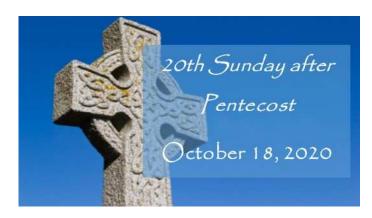


Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.



O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Psalm 96:1-2

# **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** 

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Jessica Stottlemeyer

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 99)

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

People: The Lord is great in our midst; the Lord is exalted over all the peoples.

Leader: Extol the Lord our God; worship at God's footstool. Holy is God! People: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness.

**OPENING HYMN** GTG<sub>1</sub> **NICAEA** 

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (all verses)

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

Our God is a forgiving God. With gratitude for this amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of Grace, we know that you have chosen us, but we often forget that you have also chosen others. You call us to be imitators of Christ, yet many times we are imitators of the world. You challenge us to turn from our idols, but we are tempted to turn back to them again and again. Rescue us, Lord, from ourselves. Show us the way; guide our every action, that we may live as you call us to live, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

You are invited to take a moment for silent confession.

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole. May our lives in the Spirit give glory to God!

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

GTG 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.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**ANTHEM** 

In Every Land Begin the Song

Tune: O Waly, Waly; Arr. by Patti Drennan

Sydney Barber, accompanist; Malcolm Payne, flute

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"Giving the Things That Are God's"

## RESPONDING

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Confession of Belhar, 10.5

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

HYMN OF MEDITATION GTG 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (all verses)

BEACH SPRING

### 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

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

As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment, may we become imitators of you, Gracious and Loving God, who holds nothing back from us, but is generous and gracious with all that is yours. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

# **SENDING**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION** 

GTG 756

O God of Every Nation (all verses)

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**CHARGE** 

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

**BENEDICTION** 

Choral Amen

**COVID-19 Update!** As we move through fall, we continue to worship online. COVID-19 may change how we worship. BUT, it does not stop worship! We will keep you informed as best we can as we continue this journey. Remember, keep connected to each other through phone calls, emails, and texts! If you are aware of anyone who needs something, please let Pastor Ken know.

How do we grow disciples while on a wilderness journey in the eye of the storm? Like worship, the Spirit guided us immediately to new ways to grow disciples when the pandemic hit. The adult Sunday School class, led by Rich Lewis, and, the youth Sunday School class, led by Barbara Ritchie, are being taught by video. Katie Miller has filmed classes for Children's Church. Both of these are a joint ministry with Iglesia Emmanuel! A ministry team formed between Faith United and Iglesia Emmanuel to offer Camp in a Box for Vacation Bible School. It was very well received! The Presbyterian Women's circle has moved on-line. Pastor Ken has been offering a weekly video on Praying the Psalms. All of these video ministries are available through our Facebook page and YouTube channel. Obviously, everyone would prefer to be doing these and other ministries face-to-face. But when in the wilderness, we focus not on what we cannot do, but what we can do!



Please prayerfully consider your stewardship response to the mission of Christ through our church. Stewardship packets are being mailed this week, complete with a return envelope to return your commitment card. Dedication Sunday will be November 1.



We will receive your donations through Sunday, 10/25. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith— a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

Prayerfully consider your special offering for *Peace and Global Witness*, *please note "PGW offering" in the memo section*. 25% of the Offering stays with local congregations (this year FUPC will direct 25% toward the purchase of item(s) from the *Presbyterian Giving Catalog*), and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

We are excited to announce the addition of online giving. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. <a href="https://www.FaithUnited-pc.com">www.FaithUnited-pc.com</a> You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like Peace & Global Witness Offering coming up in October. You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.



### **PRAYER LIST**

Dale Durcholz

Roger Jones

Frank Fehmel

Rev. Sungho Daniel Son

Barbara Stein

Dennis Van Deventer

Kathie Heffler

Betty Runkel

Homebound/Rehab: Margaret Jones, Marilyn Rose,

Freddie Simmons

Family of John Fleming

### Our thanks to musicians in worship!

David Pierce, Director of Music

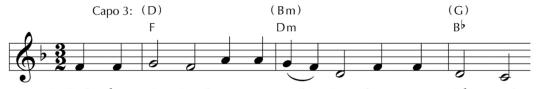
Caroline Busselberg, vocals
Mary Marxer, vocals
Patti Sloey, vocals
Kyle Feather, vocals
Jeremy Rohwer, vocals
Brian Hotchkiss, vocals

Natasha Wroblewski, vocals
Jessica Stottlemyer, vocals
Shanae Kemp, vocals
Malcolm Payne, vocals
Rich Lewis, vocals
Sydney Barber, accompanist



Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! - Cont.





- 1 God, whose giv ing knows no end ing, from your rich and 2 Skills and time are ours for press ing toward the goals of
- 3 Trea sure, too, you have en trust ed, gain through powers your



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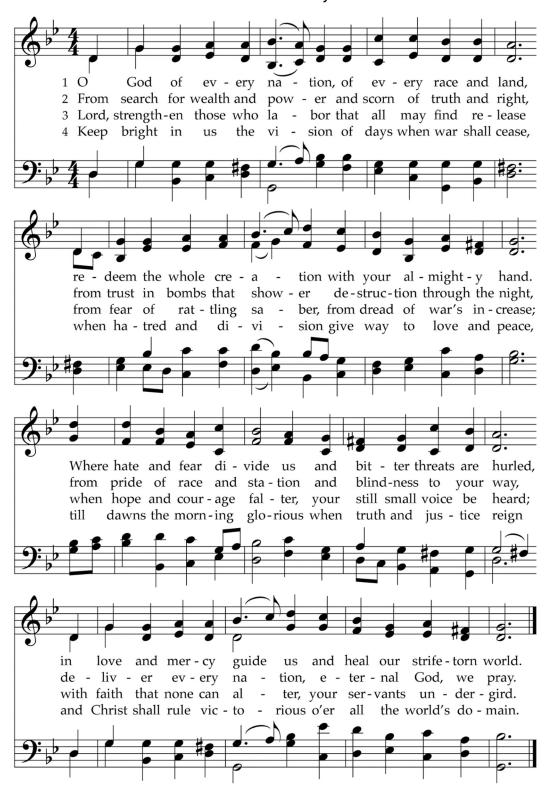
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rise for - ev gra-cious do nor of our days. er, ser at your throne. make us vants fit to an swer and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.



# The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken, Brenda Swindle, and David Pierce are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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