

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 2020

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Robert J. Hughes

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Hope is Built on Nothing Less

The Call To Worship (*Psalm 124*)

Nicholas Medina, liturgist

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let the people now say,
If it had not been the Lord Who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,
The flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us;
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

The Prayer of Adoration

We give You all praise, O God of salvation. We come with devotion to You, O Christ our Redeemer. We Honor You, O Holy Spirit, our source of encouragement, one God Who sustains us with Your love and Your presence. Hear our words of reverence as we bow down before You. Grace us with Your presence, that we may learn of Your way. Praise be to You, the One Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Your wonted loving-kindness hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction shed within its walls always.*

*Here bestow on all Your servants what they ask of You to gain,
What they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run.*

*The Prayer of Confession

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

We call you the Son of the Living God.

But we do not trust You to be at work in our world here and now.

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are the Messiah, Who delivers us from death to life.

But we doubt Your power to transform our lives.

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

We profess You are the Christ, the Lord or our lives.

But our attention often wanders and our loyalty is tested. In Your mercy, forgive us

...(time for silent confession)... **Help us not only to proclaim You, but to follow Your way of justice and peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

*The Assurance of Pardon

(From *Psalm 124*)

If it had not been the Lord Who was on our side,

We would now be lost in sin.

But it is the Lord Who is on our side,

And so in Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (spoken)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.**

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!
(For those worshipping in the Sanctuary, please be careful to maintain adequate distance
as you exchange this ancient greeting with worshipers seated near you.
For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 1:8-2:10*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 124*

The Anthem

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord
*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.
One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be evermore.
There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, above all, and through all.
Who is in you all. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,
we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow
in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.
One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be evermore.*

Craig Courtney

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 12:1-8*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 16:13-20*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

All-in
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD . . .

*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

The Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Postlude

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell, arr. Lani Smith

Announcements for - August 23-30

A New Adventure

Session has called a meeting of the congregation for **Sunday, August 30, at 10:00 a.m.** The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to elect Elders, Deacons, a Trustee and other officers for the congregation. This will be a virtual meeting conducted over Zoom conferencing services.

Members should have received the written report of the committee listing the names that will be placed in nomination on the 30th.

Please be alert to further details coming shortly as to how you may participate in this brief but important meeting.

Blessings to each and every one of you. And thanks for your continued faithful support of our ministries.

Sincerely,
The Session

Birthdays this week August 23-30

- 23. Jessica Conway, Cayden Green
- 24. Lynda Baer, Cillian Barnes, Lena Joel
- 25. Olivia Fartro, Will Huffman
- 26. John Chichester, Elaine McFadden, Charlotte Young
- 27. Tina Evans, Savannah Gloyd
- 29. John Garrison, Irene Repanshek
- 30. Carole Fariss, Ron Ochsenknecht, Jack Valasko, Kaden Yealy



Lectionary Readings for Sunday, August 30:

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern:

Donn Langfitt, Kaci LeFebre,
Karla Lewis Debra Myers,
Billie Plank

Thank for your faithful support of our ongoing ministries. Please send your checks to the church office or give online through our website www.fredericksburgpc.org.

Storied, a Video Series of The Presbyterian Church - The church isn't a building, it's a *people*. The series, which can be accessed through our YouTube channel, seeks to illuminate the stories and experiences of just some of the people that share in the life and ministry of our congregation. It is the hope of our staff and session that these short videos will help to connect us, one to another, as well as encourage and strengthen our fellowship in these days of limited gathering.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIJ5e8hmZeE2K-SAtfjoWpA>

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Getting Involved Through Service and Mission

The **School Dressing Days** partnership with the Salvation Army - to distribute clothing and other items to area children- is ready to roll! We have used every inch of space to make it work. Volunteers will be needed on the 8 distribution days, (Wednesdays and Fridays), each day has two time sessions as seen on the flyer. Volunteers will "fill an order" with the sizes requested while parents wait in their cars. Even with the scaled-down version, we will still be able to help children with the basics. Only four volunteers will be working at one time, masks are required and temperature checks will be done prior to starting. EmpowerHouse staff came last week and filled an order for the children staying there and they greatly appreciated it. Donations of boys and men's crew socks any size (not plain white please), boys boxer briefs any size, men's boxer briefs size medium or large, teen girls underwear -adult sizes 5,6,7,8 are needed. Donations of backpacks and toiletry items are greatly appreciated as well. A sign up genius link has been created to volunteer for a session, thanks for your support!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044EACA72CA2FA7-interfaithsalvati>

Weekly Worship -

Recordings of our weekly worship service are made available each Sunday morning, on our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIJ5e8hmZeE2K-SAtfjoWpA>) or go to our website: www.fredericksburgpc.org and click on the video recording button on the right side of the page.

Bulletins and announcements are also posted weekly on the our website, so you may follow along as you watch the services.

Offerings for Christian Education

The fall 2020 semester's classes and opportunities for faith formation will kick-off via Zoom the week of September 13.

Weekly Zoom Meetings

Men's Breakfast Group, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net) for the Zoom link.

Meditation Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Contact Marsha Lockett (lockett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

Women's Bible Study, Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Contact Marsha Lockett (lockett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

The School Feeding Program continues to help families in need through our local school system. We have slots to be filled if you would like to volunteer. The food distribution site is at the Weston Circle Apartment Complex (100 Weston Ln) from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. We are looking for two volunteers per day (or one family unit). Please use the following link to sign-up or be in touch with Carol Campbell, 352-372-5227, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ba5a822a2fc1-school>

Since our **Food Pantry's** temporary closing due to issues related the coronovirus pandemic, we have shifted our efforts to help support the good work of our siblings in Christ at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, as they continue to distribute food to neighbors in need.

Volunteers are needed Monday—Thursday or Saturday, and there are lot's of ways to serve: hand out bags of groceries, check-in clients, pack bags or receive deliveries. If you are interested in joining these efforts, please be in touch with Sherman Brown at (540) 226-3295 or sign up online:

<https://tinyurl.com/PantryHelp>.

