

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

August 30, 2020

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

*Quasi Allegretto*, from “*Six Bagatelles*,” *Op. 126*

L. V. Beethoven,  
arr. Thomas Chesterton

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

*Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said* Charles William Everest/Freeman Lewis

The Call To Worship

Sherman Brown, liturgist

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s Name, make God’s deeds known among the peoples.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God’s wonderful works.**

Glory in God’s Holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Praise the Lord!**

The Prayer of Adoration

**Triune God, knowing Your greatness and Your presence in our lives, we praise You and sing to Your Holy Name. Praise be to You, God our creator, for You give us life and sustain this world with Your love. Blessed are You, our Lord Jesus Christ, for You redeem us from our sins and give us salvation. Glory to You, Holy Spirit, for You console us and make Your presence known in all we say and do. Our sincere praise will be for the One Whose grace is unfailing and immeasurable. To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.**

The Hymn

*To God Be the Glory*

*To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*REFRAIN: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things He has done!*

*Great things he has taught us; great things he has done!*

*and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;*

*but purer and higher and greater will be*

*our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. REFRAIN*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**You know us, Watching God. You know who we are, people who find it easier to hold on to all we do that is wrong, rather than clinging to goodness. You know what we do, when we ignore the poor, or refuse to live at peace with others. You know why we do all these things, for we continue to set our minds on all those temptations which insinuate themselves into our lives. You do indeed know us all too well, O God of Steadfast Love. Yet, You continue to be patient with us and forgiving towards us. Yet, You would embrace us as we turn towards You in repentance, rather than washing Your hands of us. Yet, You would continue to call us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might find our life with You ...(time for silent confession)...**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News: God remembers us and forgives us,  
so we might live as people of love and hope.

**We will sing our praises to the One Who has made us whole. 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

**Risen Christ, fill us with Your Spirit and speak peace to us through these words of scriptures.  
As we hear You, let our love overflow with knowledge and insight, and teach us to live in You, to  
the glory and praise of God. Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 3:1-15*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c*

The Anthem

*In the Valley Flows a River*

Pamela Martin and Douglas Nolan

*In the valley flows a river, gentle waters from the Lord,  
and those who stop and drink there will never thirst for more.  
In the valley flows a river, cooling stream that has no end.  
In its grace we find forgiveness, cleansing fountain for our sins.  
From the mountain springs it cometh to the deserts, to the plains,  
bringing life to all it touches, bringing peace where there is pain.  
In the valley there is comfort where the peaceful waters flow,  
and all who pause and pray there will find rest for their souls.  
In the valley flows a river fed by heaven's gentle rain,  
and all who stop and drink there will never thirst again.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 16:21-28*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 12:9-21*

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

The Sermon

*Challenge Accepted*  
Brittany Tamminga

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

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.*

*O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.*

*O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Präambulum from the Lüneburg Organ Tablature (1630-1670)*

ed. by John Spong

# Announcements for August 30-September 6

## **Congregational Meeting via Zoom**

Session has called a meeting of the congregation for this coming **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. It will be the first 'virtual' meeting of the congregation in our history.

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

Please be alert to further details coming shortly as to how you may participate in this brief but important meeting. Members will receive the invitation link soon. We hope many of our members will want to join us.

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 30-September 6**

30. Carole Fariss, Ron Ochsenknecht, Jack Valasko, Kaden Yealy
31. Lois Jacob, Jeffrey Rawlings
1. Katie Fidler
2. Betty Jo Morecock, Shirley Sanderson
3. Beth Rabatin, Eric Rocholl
4. Tammy Hancock, Mary Elizabeth McManus, Helena Samson, Nancy Stubbs
5. Rhonda Coble, Kerry Devine, Nils Pedersen
6. Karl Karch, Bobbie Kerns, Sammy Merrill, Sharon Moser, Bruce Stephen



Lectionary Readings for Sunday, September 6:  
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;  
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

## **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](http://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>

## **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](http://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.

Members will be receiving an email inviting them to join the Session called **virtual - via Zoom - meeting of the congregation** for Sunday, August 30, at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is hear the report of the Church Officer Nominating Committee and to elect Elders, Deacons and other officers.

### **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. Donations of boys 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>

Since our **Food Pantry's** temporary closing due to issues related the coronavirus 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>.

### **Christian Education for the Fall Semester**

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

**Children's and Family Ministry and Education** - This semester, give children and families opportunities to grow in Christ's love, to learn the stories of Jesus, and be supported by a strong community of faith with at-home education resources.

**Youth Ministry and Education** This fall, we will be using a hybrid approach to create a safe and nurturing space for youth to gather together and share their joys and concerns with each other and with caring adults by alternating weekly between in-person small group fellowship, and discussion-based education via Zoom.

**Adult Ministry and Education (Youth participation is welcomed and encouraged)** This semester's course offerings will present possibilities for growth and Christian community, and we encourage your participation in one or more of the following Church School Classes, all of which will be held virtually via Zoom.

**Holy Disunity: How What Separates Us Can Save Us ~ Sunday – 10:30 a.m.**

Coordinators: Jim and Patty Toler

**Faith and Movie Class ~ Sunday – 12:00 p.m.**

Coordinators: Eric and Kathy Rocholl; Marty and Vicky Wilder

**Parables and Peanuts ~ Sunday – 2:00 p.m.**

Coordinator: Bill Nix

### **Weekly Zoom Meetings**

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

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

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

### **Furthering the Conversation: Resources to Engage Issues of Race**

WATCH: [How to overcome our biases? Walk boldly toward them](#), TED Talk by Vernā Myers, encourages work vigorously to counter balance bias by connecting with and learning about and from the groups we fear. (19 minutes)

READ: [It's Not Just the South: Here's How Everyone Can Resist White Supremacy](#), by Sarah van Gelder

LISTEN: [Pod Save the People](#), Activism. Social Justice. Culture. Politics. On Pod Save the People, organizer and activist DeRay Mckesson explores all of these issues and more.