

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 19, 2020

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Gratitude

Edvard Grieg

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

Let the Whole Creation Cry

The Call To Worship

Patty Toler, liturgist

The Prayer of Adoration

Faithful God, we come into Your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unending love and faithfulness You have shown toward us, Your people. When we call out to You, You answer. When we are exhausted, You give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, You are there, standing beside us. You care for us with compassion and firmness, urging us to grow in love for You. We come before You in gratitude and praise, offering the worship of our hearts and lives to You, the One Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Hymn 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.*

The Prayer of Confession

You, Lord, call us to faithfully follow where You lead. We confess that we are impatient with Your way. Forgive us when we take matters into our own hands, unwilling to wait for Your time. You, Lord call us to open our eyes to Your presence. We confess that we often see You only where and when we want to see. Forgive us for ignoring You when it is convenient for us, missing Your image reflected in every face, passing by Your word in our midst. You, Lord, call us to be carriers of Your blessing for the world. We confess that most often, we are interested only in blessing ourselves. Forgive us when we hoard Your blessing, and when we think we can define and limit Your blessing. Gracious God, empty us of our selfish and divisive ways, and make us again into Your body, loving and serving and caring for the world...(time for silent confession)...

The Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, hear the Word of the Lord.
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
God says unequivocally, irrevocably:
You are my own; you are forgiven;
Thanks be to God. 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: *Genesis 28:10-19a*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24*

The Anthem

I Want to Be ready

Traditional Spiritual/Howard Helvey

*I want to be ready, I want to be ready. I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John.
John said the city was just foursquare. And he declared he'd meet me there.*

*I want to be ready, I want to be ready. I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John.
Oh, John, oh, John, what do you say? That I'll be there at the coming day.*

I want to be ready, I want to be ready. I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 8:12-25*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*

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

The Sermon

On Your Toes
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 360

Christ Is Coming!

*Christ is coming! Let creation from its groans and
labor cease; let the glorious proclamation
hope restore and faith increase: Christ is coming!
Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of peace.*

*Earth can now but tell the story of your bitter
cross and pain; we shall yet behold your glory,
Lord, when you return to reign: Christ is coming!
Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain.*

*With that blessed hope before us, flutes are tuned and
harps are strung; let the mighty advent chorus
onward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is coming!
Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the song.*

The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

Sometimes a Light Surprises

William Barnett

Announcements for - July 19-26

Reach Out and Connect

Christianity is, at its heart, an incarnational faith. Worship embodies the belief that God's grace comes through physical contact: water trickling down a forehead, bread dissolving on a tongue, grape juice tickling the back of a throat, one person's hand squeezing another's. While this time of limited gatherings and church-based outreach don't mean separation from God, there is real grief around the suspension of these tangible forms of connection to Christ, to others, and to the world.

This global pandemic is laying bare what the church has long confessed: all people are deeply and inextricably connected to one another, like branches on a vine. In light of the mutual vulnerability our interconnection creates, many Christians are making difficult choices about how to continue to be the body of Christ in the world.

As you, your families, and your loved ones continue to wrestle with such decisions, you are encouraged to remember your siblings in Christ in your prayers, and to set aside time this week to reach out and connect with other members of your church family.

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, July 26:

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b *or* Psalm 128
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern: Debra Myers, Billie Plank

Birthdays this week July 19-26

19. Ellie Cox, Matthew Rembisz
20. Michael Harner, Joe Mathias
21. Sydney Coffman, Steve Eubank, Penny Vaughn, Mallory Veil
22. Michele Coffman, Piper Foresman, Jim Gillespie, Ralph Hughes, Nicholas Kallay, Ben King, Chauncey Kutz
23. Suzi Bevan
25. Julie Chewing, Denny Keffer, Susie Kuliasha, Cheryl Page, David Samson, Reid Schattgen, David Wright
26. Gaye Copley, Carol Mayer

It is with much regret that we will not be able to hold our annual **School Dressing Days** event this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. With the items we already have, we plan to assist smaller groups in need and plans are underway to assist 100 children living in motels, refugee children and any others we become aware of. We hope to be able to donate to Title 1 schools as things open up. The Interfaith Community Council is grateful for your loyal support over the years and we thank those who have sent in donations of items and money for this year. Even though School Dressing Days will not take place in its usual form, we will working to come up with innovative ways to help our community during these trying times.

Getting Involved Through Service and Mission

We have adopted a Food Distribution Site through the School Feeding Program. Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution 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 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. If you are interested in joining these efforts, please be in touch with Sherman Brown at (540) 226-3295.

Thanks 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.

Our **Presbyterian Church sponsored summer Red Cross Blood Drive** will be on Tuesday, August 4, from 1:00-7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Extensive precautions are implemented at each and every Red Cross Drive to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Safety for every individual is at the center of all donations. Some steps being implemented include requiring masks be worn by all participants (workers included), sanitation of all areas touched and used by the people who make the wonderful choice to give their blood in order to save three lives. Please consider donating blood to the American Red Cross. Volunteers are needed for coordinator and registration help. Also, the Red Cross **will be testing for COVID-19 antibodies at the blood drive**. This test is being offered as an additional service on all completed blood donations. The antibody test is authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and will indicate if the immune system has produced antibodies to the coronavirus, regardless of whether symptoms were present. This test is not to diagnose current symptoms, referred to as a diagnostic test. Results of your antibody test will be available in your Blood Donor App, or in your donor profile on RedCrossBlood.org about one week after your donation. To be a part of this life saving mission, register online at Redcrossblood.org; search for the sponsor code: FredericksburgPresbyterian. We highly encourage you to complete your RapidPass® pre-donation questionnaire before you come to the blood drive. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Benn via email lkrab@verizon.net, or phone 540-370-1646, before 9:00 p.m.

Now on **our YouTube Channel: Storied, a video series of The Presbyterian Church**, as well as additional resources for young families. Subscribe to the channel for the latest updates, using the following link:

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

Summer Offerings for Christian Education

Faith and Art, Images of Jesus - A six-week Zoom class begins Sunday, July 12, at 9:45 a.m., led by David Johnson, Debe Garrison, and Mary Szymanski. Art that depict various representations of Christ will be displayed and used as a jumping off point for discussions of how we imagine Jesus theologically, historically and culturally. Class participants will be able to submit depictions of Christ and share how they are meaningful to them. Contact David Johnson (tomten46@msn.com), if you are planning to attend so we can create a backup email list. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/71567819287?pwd=YTV4ZzBZZ051T2Jobncram56RmdPZz09> Meeting ID: 715 6781 9287; Password: 8WzVW1;

Faith and Movie Class is on break for the month of July.

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms' Requiem - Follow this famous requiem on a tour of Biblical prompts about death, grief, the brevity of life, and faith for here and hereafter. Through music and Scripture, we move from graveside to grieving, from the challenges of self-reflection to new perspectives and hope beyond. This class will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., beginning July 1. To participate in this study, please email Larry and Mary Ann Casey (lmacasey@fredericksburgpc.org), for the Zoom link.

Summer Book Club 2020 – Pandemic-Style continues to discuss *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis on Tuesday evenings this summer via zoom - July 21, and August 4. We will meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to join this book club, please email Jen (jenrowe@cox.net) for a reading schedule and a Zoom link.

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 Luckett (luckett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

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