

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2020

9:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .



Masks are to be worn throughout the service.
Please remain seated for the hymns.



The Prelude

Soliloquy

Todd Kendall

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

The Call To Worship (from *Romans 14:8-11*)

Sharon Humes, Liturgist

Christ Jesus is Lord of the dead and the living.

Whether we live or die, we belong to God.

Here we stand before the Lord of all life.

Let every knee bow, and every tongue sing praise.

The Prayer of Adoration

You are worthy of all praise, O God, more than could ever flow from our mouths. The birds sing of Your glory; the day's sun rises to honor You. The mountains owe their grandeur to Your design for creation; the seas have their depth, as You have decreed. We blend our voices with all of Your creatures, and join with Your people in praising Your Name. Glory to You Almighty God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all. Amen.

The Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ.

And Christ was born for us, Christ lived for us.

Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
for anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation.

The old is finished, gone! Behold! New life has begun.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

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 14:19-31*

The Children's Time

Walking on Dry Land

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 114*

The Anthem

The Mighty Power of God

Mark Hayes

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise.
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.
Their luminous display reflects the power of God.
I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, wherever I turn my eye;
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky.
From seas to mountains high the earth cannot contain the goodness of God.
The heavens are telling the glory of God! The heavens are telling the story,
The whole earth is filled with His glory, the heavens are telling the glory of God!
There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known.
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne.
While all that borrow life from You is ever in Your care,
And everywhere that we can be, O God, You're present there;
We joyously declare the power of Your love!*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 14:1-12*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 18:21-35*

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

The Sermon

From the Heart of God
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 444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

*"Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.*

*How can Your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?*

*In blazing light Your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.*

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Arr. Chester G. Allen



Kindly remain seated during the Postlude.

You will be dismissed by our Safety Ushers from the back to the front of the
Sanctuary. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.



The flowers today are in celebration of the September 11, 2020 marriage of Erin Bushman and Steven Sarver at The Presbyterian Church.

Announcements for September 13-20

Both/And

With in-person Sunday morning worship resuming this coming Sunday, at 9:00 a.m., the Session is pleased and excited to welcome congregants in limited number, of course, back into the Sanctuary. But make no mistake, though our experience of worship may *feel* different from the comfort of our couch (and for some of us, the comfort of our pajamas) than, say, putting on our Sunday best to sidle into our favorite pew, virtual worship is no less efficacious. There are things that we already are and can be doing in online worship to create a sense of intimacy and community, of connection and sacred space, of moving music and stirring word. We will continue to focus on all of those things in *both* online *and* in-person worship, as we remain committed to being a welcoming community of faith, ensuring that everyone who would like to worship with us can actively and meaningfully do so.



Though efforts to contain the spread of the corona virus have disrupted congregational life and patterns of day-to-day living in ways few of us ever could have imagined, we can give thanks that God's Spirit is not limited to what happens within the physical structures and confines of a church building. In these recent months of being physically separated from one another we have seen afresh the countless expressions of God's presence in this community of faith. We celebrate and give thanks for these many ways in which our virtual ministry and mission is thriving, the ways it is connecting individuals, and the ways it is touching people across our city, state, and country – *perhaps even beyond*.

Wherever we worship – whenever we worship – together we can remain unwavering in our commitment to be a faithful community, caring for one another and the world, welcoming all to worship, lifting up one another in prayer and fellowship, reaching out to one another, supporting mission and outreach, and living out our call to love and serve.

See you in worship!

Birthdays this week September 13-20

13. Judi Hughes, Elizabeth Rehm
14. Mark Hilts, Pete Humes
15. Natalie Bohmke, Macon Fino, Paul Horn
16. Marjolijn Bijlefeld, Erin Hughes, Janet Hume, Tom Lewis, Susan Personius
17. Kim Braun, Maddie Foreman
18. Steve Davis, John Howe, Jean Mitchell, Jack Yealy
19. Emily Humes, Mary Grace Humes
20. Brad Repp

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, September 20:

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Church Family News:

Capsule of Concern:

Donn Langfitt, Kaci LeFebre,
Karla Lewis, Billie Plank, Pam Werner

A Memorial Service for Gene Brower will be live streamed this Saturday, September 12, at 2:00 p.m. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/qgZwyLQ7uYU>

Condolences to:

Rachel Statler and family on the death of her brother, Matthew Ball, who died on September 7, 2020.



Christian Education for the Fall Semester begins THIS Sunday, September 13

Children's and Family Ministry and Education - We will be providing families with weekly at-home education resources.

Youth Ministry and Education

All Youth Church School Classes and Fellowship Groups will convene on Sunday evenings from 5-6 p.m.

In-person Fellowship outside on Church Grounds (Each participant MUST wear a mask)

Middle School Fellowship will meet in-person the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

High School Fellowship will meet in-person on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

*There will be no meetings on 5th Sundays.

Virtual Church School

Middle School Church school will meet virtually the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

High School Church School will meet virtually the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

*There will be no youth meetings on 5th Sundays.



Adult Ministry and Education (Youth participation is welcomed and encouraged)

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

Coordinators: Jim and Patty Toler

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350523383?pwd=bmdyTTFkZkgyNTh4ZlJzWXR2bm95dz09>

Faith and Movie Class ~ Sunday – 12:00 p.m. Movie for Sunday, September 13: **Corpus Christi** (2019 Polish film)

Coordinators: Eric and Kathy Rocholl; Marty and Vicky Wilder

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88328822463?pwd=aldXZVRxZ3MvaktkN2ZsUVR3bUOyOT09>

Parables and Peanuts ~ Sunday – 4:00 p.m.

Coordinator: Bill Nix

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82114607291?pwd=dkZEU2R6eVYrOUVUeHIWYVQ5WWUydz09>

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.

Meetings & Activities

Wednesday, September 9— Meditation Group, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Marsha Lockett (lockett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

Thursday, September 10 — Women’s Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Contact Marsha Lockett (lockett@juno.com) for the Zoom link.

Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Saturday, September 12— Memorial Service for Gene Brower (Live-stream)

Sunday, September 13— Worship, 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary & Youtube)

Holy Disunity Book Study, 10:30 a.m. (Zoom)

Faith & Movie Class, 12:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Parables & Peanuts Class, 4:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Sacred Dance, 4:00 p.m. (Undercroft)

Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m. (In-person)

High School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Session, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 15 — Men’s Breakfast Group, 7:30 a.m.

Contact John Howe (jhowe1969@cox.net) for the Zoom link.

Wednesday, September 16 — Meditation Group, 6:30 p.m.



Furthering the Conversation: Resources to Engage Issues of Race

READ: [10 Ways Well-Meaning White Teachers Bring Racism Into Our Schools](#), by Jamie Utt

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.

LISTEN: [Black Like Me](#), host Dr. Alex Gee