

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

September 6, 2020

*\*All who are able may stand.*

*Bold type spoken by the congregation*

## GATHERING. . .

The Prelude *Shepherd's Song, from "Lyric Pieces," Op. 65* Edvard Grieg

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit *Today We Are Called to Be Disciples*

The Call To Worship (from Psalm 149) Eleanor McCord, liturgist

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song;  
give praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**For the Lord takes pleasure in the people  
and adorns the humble with victory.**

Let us praise God's Name with dancing,  
making melody with tambourine and lyre.

**Let the faithful exult in glory; we will sing for joy  
and let the high praises of God be in our throats.**

The Prayer of Adoration

The Hymn 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

*Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?*

*All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.*

*Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.*

*Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?*

*Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.*

*Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all a-round.*

*Let us love our God supremely let us love each other, too.*

*Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.*

*Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table well sit down.*

*Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all a-round.*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, You died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that You are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted Your Word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as You have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's Name. . . .(time for silent confession). . .**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

(from Romans 13:11-12)

Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first became believers.

**The night is gone, the day is near.**

Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**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

**Holy Spirit, as Your Word is read and preached, pass among Your gathered people, opening minds to increase understanding, opening hearts to bind us together in Your love. In Jesus' Name we ask it. Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 12:1-14*

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 149*

The Anthem *Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord*

Mark Hayes

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 13:8-14*

The Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 18:15-20*

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

The Sermon

*Beyond Hurt & Resentment*  
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 445

*God, How Can We Forgive*

*God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn? How can we rise and start anew, our trust born?  
When human loving fails and every hope is gone, your love gives strength beyond our own to face the dawn.*

*When we have missed the mark, and tears of anguish flow, How can you still release our guilt, the debt we owe?  
The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs. A priest who shares our human pain, Christ intercedes.*

*Who dares to throw the stone to damn another's sin, when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?  
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live. As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Triumphal March*

G. F. Handel

# Announcements for September 6-13

## RETURNING TO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Session is pleased to announce the resumption of Sunday morning worship. Beginning **September 13, at 9:00 a.m.**, we will conduct worship in the Sanctuary with a limited number of congregants in the room.

While we can not guarantee everyone a risk-free environment, we believe we can manage and limit the risks of infection by following available guidelines:

- All worshippers will be required to wear masks; we will not stand to sing hymns, but remain seated and masked;
- All worshippers will be assigned seats when entering the Sanctuary allowing households to sit together.
- We will work to minimize the number of people who will pass near you.
- No offerings will be collected,
- As we share the Peace and Greeting we will not violate social distancing guidelines.
- At the close of worship, you will be dismissed from the rear of the Sanctuary to the front. (This will be opposite the order in which you are seated.)

For the first several Sundays, seating will be limited to a small number of worshippers on the main floor, and the balcony will not be available for seating.

Help us to plan by making a reservation in advance to indicate your participation the room. Please call the Church Office soon (Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. and Noon) to make your reservation for September 13.

Worship will be live cast on our regular YouTube channel beginning with the prelude at 9:00 a.m. You will be able to watch and participate from home as it happens, or view at your convenience after the service ends. You may access our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClJ5e8hmZeE2K-SATfjoWpA> or on 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.

Please continue to lift in prayer our members, families, and neighbors who are struggling in these days. Session is well aware that many of you will choose to wait a considerable length of time to return. Please stay safe.

We look forward to welcoming some of you in worship soon.

Sincerely,  
The Session

Worship  
with us

### **Birthdays this week September 6-13**

6. Karl Karch, Bobbie Kerns, Sammy Merrill, Sharon Moser, Bruce Stephen
7. Hattie Bingham, Della Hall
8. Jake Rehm, Rachel Talmadge
9. Emerson Bothel, Donna DeSimini, Dick Szymanski
10. Debbie Leimer, Ralph Lewis, Bill Mitchell, Jeff Veil
11. Kathy Vining
12. Mike Kuliasha, Nicholas Medina
13. Judi Hughes, Elizabeth Rehm

### Lectionary Readings for Sunday, September 6:

Exodus 14:19-31;  
Psalm 114 *or* Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21;  
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

### **Church Family News:**

#### **Capsule of Concern:**

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



**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).

## 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! Volunteers will be needed on the 8 distribution days, (Wednesdays and Fridays), each day has two time sessions. Volunteers will “fill an order” with the sizes requested while parents wait in their cars. 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>.



**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>

## Meetings & Activities

Wednesday, September 2 — Building & Grounds Committee, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Sunday, September 6 — Sacred Dance, 4:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, September 8 — Stewardship Committee, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Men’s Breakfast Group, 7:30 a.m.

Contact John Howe ([jhowe1969@cox.net](mailto:jhowe1969@cox.net)) for the Zoom link.

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

Contact Marsha Luckett ([luckett@juno.com](mailto:luckett@juno.com)) for the Zoom link.

Thursday, September 10 — Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Women’s Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Contact Marsha Luckett ([luckett@juno.com](mailto:luckett@juno.com)) for the Zoom link.

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

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



## 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.** Movie for Sunday, September 13: **Corpus Christi** (2019 Polish film)

Coordinators: Eric and Kathy Rocholl; Marty and Vicky Wilder

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

Coordinator: Bill Nix