



**Service of the Lord's Day**  
**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

**God's People Gather**

***"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord!"***

*(Psalm 122:1)*

*With glad hearts, we welcome you to worship among this community of believers! We invite you to sit anywhere you wish. Some pews with social distance \*spacers\* have been designated on the lectern side near (but not at) the front for anyone who is more comfortable with some distance. Thank you for keeping your masks on – for now!*

**Greetings and Announcements**  
**Minute For Mission**

Doreen Duncan

**Prayer of Preparation**

**God, be in my head, and in my understanding.**  
**God, be in my eyes, and in my looking.**  
**God, be in my mouth, and in my speaking.**  
**God, be in my heart, and in my thinking.**  
**God, be at my end, and in my departing.**

**Prelude Be Still, My Soul (Finlandia) – arr. Dobrinski**

Chancel Handbells

**\*Call to Worship**

**L:** Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day to the rising of life itself.

May the purpose of God be between us and each purpose,

**P: the hand of God between us and each hand;**

**L:** the pain of Christ between us and each pain,

**P: the love of Christ between us and each other.**

**L:** O God, you brought us to the light of this new day;

**P: bring us to the guiding light of eternity. Amen.** *(Iona Community)*

**\*Hymn Come Thou Font of Every Blessing (verses 1 and 3)**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

### Prayer of Confession

L: Let us in silence examine ourselves in the light of God's goodness, wisdom and love.

*(silent examination)*

L: When our actions are not consistent with the truth of your gospel,

**P: Forgive us, Holy One. Correct us and make us brave.**

L: When our lives do not proclaim the saving, transforming power of your love,

**P: Forgive us, Loving One. Compel us and make us illustrations of Love's power.**

L: When our minds are full of self-condemnation, with no room for your grace,

**P: Forgive us, Gracious One. Cleanse us and help us to live free.**

L: Root our lives in Christ Jesus,

**P: so that we might be reconciled to you, to one another, and to ourselves. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

L: And Jesus says, "Receive my Spirit and be at peace."

### \*Response

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

### God's Word is Heard

#### Time With Children

Anthem **Down By the Riverside** -- arr. Waldrop

Chancel Treble Handbells

Cindy Foust, Piano

Scripture Reading I Samuel 16:1-13

Sermon

Rev. Karen Pidcock-Lester

### God's People Respond

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

God the Holy Spirit fulfills God's work of reconciliation in human beings. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which human beings are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among [and within] ourselves. In spite of our sin, the Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all people. *(PCUSA Confession of 1967, adapted)*

#### \*Giving Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

## Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you;

And also with you...

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

## God's Sends Us Out

### \*Hymn **Though I May Speak** (verses 1, 2, and 3)

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

### \*Blessing

### \*Postlude "Trumpet Tune" – Lotti

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Our sanctuary singers and musicians this morning are Bruce Achuff, Gayle Hall, Sarah Pinard, and Rob Wade. FPC Chancel Handbells: Natalia Bradley, Katie DeNicco, Marquerite Detwiler, Tim Detwiler, Gayle Hall\*, Andy Hazeltine, Laura Hazeltine, Julie Kovach, Sue Moyer, Sarah Pinard, Brent Stark, Susan Stark, Rob Wade. (\*Bell Substitute). Chancel Treble Handbells: Marguerite Detwiler, Katie DeNicco, Laura Hazeltine, Julie Kovach, and Sarah Pinard. Thank you!*

*The sanctuary flowers are given by Tom and Mary Ann Hudson in memory of parents, Charles and Florence Hudson, and Jim and Evelyn Chatley.*

### Calendar of Events for this week:

Today	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Rally Day/Picnic Meeting (after worship, Community room)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Scout Troop 146
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Yoga
	9:00 a.m.	Church Library open during Office hours
	10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Lectio-Divina (via Zoom)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Yoga
	4:00 p.m.	Musicless Rec
	7:30 p.m.	Session (Community Room)
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Church Library open during Office hours
	5:00 p.m.	Community Meals (lower parking lot)
	5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Handbells End of Year Party (Wades' home)
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Yoga
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship (Sr. High Bible Presentation)
	10:45 a.m.	Strawberry Fest (after worship)



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