

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

July 5, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Ross Thomas

Moment with Young Disciples: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Call to Worship**

Jesus says, “Come to me, all who are weary and carrying a heavy load. I will give you rest.”

**We draw near to the Lord, who is gentle and humble in heart.**

Jesus invites us to walk next to him, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

**As we worship God, we find rest for our souls.**

**Prayer of the Day** Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Glory to God #611*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

**Call to Confession** God has shown amazing love in this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us join in our unison prayer of confession.

**Prayer of Confession** Merciful God, we confess that we seek to fill our lives with comfort and convenience, distractions that consume our energy and time. We chase after wealth and power as if they could satisfy the hunger in our souls. But you beckon us toward new life, a life made rich through Sabbath and service. Free us from the yokes that bind us and draw us near to you, so that we may learn to walk with Christ. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** The Lord does not treat us as our sins deserve. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God’s love for those who revere him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. **Thanks be to God.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer for Illumination** God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened to hear what you say to us today. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Passage** Genesis 24:34 – 67

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

**Moment with Young Disciples**

**New Testament Passage** Matthew 11:7 – 30

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

Sermon “Hitched” The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Affirmation of Faith** Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.07

**Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the people of the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**Call to Offering** In gratitude to God for all that he has provided for us, let us present our gifts and offerings.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** Generous God, you are the source of abundant life. May our gifts and offerings bring vitality to the healing ministries of this church, so that people in our wider community will be blessed. We pray in the name of our risen Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Dedication** “How Firm a Foundation” *Glory to God* #463

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous,  
omnipotent hand.”

**Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction**

## Announcements

Sunday, July 5, 2020

**Midweek Bible Study:** Please join us for a new Bible Study on Jonah at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays starting July 8 via Zoom. We will discuss one chapter each week in this four-week study meeting on July 8, 15, 22, and 29. This is the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85426343714> . Email Pastor Rosanna [rosanna@pastorrosanna.net](mailto:rosanna@pastorrosanna.net) for the password.

**Adult Sunday School:** “Communication and Communion with God: Approaches to Prayer” is the theme we will discuss from Chapter 3 in *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie J. Thompson. You are welcome even if you didn’t have a chance to read. Pastor Rosanna will lead the class on July 5 at 9:45 a.m. via Zoom at this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86415059778> . Pastor Rosanna has the password.

**Coming Soon: Project JOY!** School supplies, but no clothing, are needed this year for our contribution to the Appalachian Ministry to the children of Harlan, Kentucky.

**Mission Opportunities:** Please contact Ross or Linda Thomas for drop off information.

Loose Change for The Master’s Table

Plastic Bags for Meals on Wheels

United Ministries Food Item for July and August: Powdered Milk

**Prayer List:** Look over our list and if you know of someone who needs to be added, notify the church office at [1stprez@bellsouth.net](mailto:1stprez@bellsouth.net). Please provide the address for those who are not members of the church so that we may send them a prayer card.

May we keep in our prayers all the individuals and families affected by Covid-19.

“God will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”  
(Revelation 21:3b-4)

Linda Alldredge    Alison Barnwell    Dale Boyter    Ethelene Burnett    Louis Burnett

Kyle Craighead    Rush Limbaugh    Betty Murphey    Jerry Stuard

Family of Mike Frost    Family of Mickey Hyde

**Worship Services Online:** We will continue to observe Sunday worship services online until further notice. Guidance from our PC(USA) denominational offices and state government officials urges the suspension of all congregational and public gatherings in our church facilities due to the spread of COVID-19. Please join us for the worship video premiere on YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GCqiHtl7JXZln1\\_fzePSg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GCqiHtl7JXZln1_fzePSg) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. A link to worship is posted on the church’s Facebook page and on our website <https://www.springfieldpres.org/> .