

## GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

### \*HYMN

“In Christ There is No East or West”

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1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
3. Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;



But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole-wide earth.  
His ser-vice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God Are sure-ly kin-to me.  
All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole-wide earth.

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

### \*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

LONDONDERRY AIR

**O, Lord, now let your servants depart in peace,  
According to your gracious word.  
Our eyes have seen the glory of salvation,  
Prepared for all the people of the world.  
Now may the Lord bless you and keep you,  
And make his face to shine upon you;  
And may God lift his countenance upon you,  
And give you blessed peace for now and evermore.**

### POSTLUDE

10:00 AM “Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist” BWV 667 J. S. Bach

NOTE: *Liturgy adapted from “Seasons of the Spirit”*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018  
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
REV. DR. RICHARD MILLER

SERVICES OF WORSHIP AT 8:30 AND 10:00 AM

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalms 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

## WELCOME FRIENDS

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church.** Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to those around you. Visitors, please include your name, address, zip code, and phone number. When the register returns, note the names of people near you and greet one another after the service.

**VISITORS**, please accept our invitation to worship with us regularly and be sure to pick up a white visitor welcome bag, located in the back of the sanctuary on the Welcome Desk.

**Sound enhancement devices** that can accommodate a T-switch on a hearing aid, or can be fitted with a personal earpiece, are available in the sanctuary. Ask any usher for details, or see the sound engineer at the sound desk at the front of the sanctuary.

**Emergency Information.** An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located on the west wall of the Narthex (back of Sanctuary) and a second AED is outside the Parlor kitchen in the Christian Education building.

**Childcare for anyone who needs it is provided** from 8:15 AM - 11:15 AM in the Little Saints and Angels Nursery (on the third floor of the Christian Education building). Access is possible via the curved stairway just beyond the Sanctuary door to the right of the Chancel (front of the Sanctuary).

**Music Notes:** Heidi Pedersen provides a solo arrangement of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” arranged by Mark Hayes, at the 8:30 AM service. Heidi is a member of the *Sanctuary Choir* and *Chamber Chorale*. *The Sanctuary Choir* provides music leadership at the 10:00 AM service. As is tradition, the choir sings Peter Wilhousky’s (1902-1978) classic arrangement of the great hymn. We thank Pablo Gorin for playing the organ this morning

J. J. Froberger, a 17<sup>th</sup> century virtuoso organist and harpsichordist who helped to shape the style of Baroque keyboard music, was a great influence on a number of composers that followed, among them J. S. Bach. Dom Paul Benoit was a French Benedictine monk, organist and composer. His works re-inspired mostly on Gregorian chants in the Impressionist style. Edward Elgar’s Nimrod from the Enigma Variations is a portrait dedicated to the composer’s friend Augustus Jaeger, who once helped Elgar during a time of depression. It is believed that Jaeger encouraged the composer to keep making music when Elgar had decided to give up and write no more. Bach set this choral prelude (Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost) on a hymn by Martin Luther for the feast of Pentecost and based on the Gregorian chant *Veni sancte spiritus*, which is heard particularly in the pedal line mid-way through to the end.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Prayers are Welcome for:** Robin Ciccotelli; Shannon, Grace and Louis Gruhlke (*death of son, Lou Gruhlke, Jr.*); Priscilla Hull and family of Faye White; Justin Ilg; Sean Jacobsmeier; Rick & Carol Knowlton; Bob McCowan; John Norton’s niece and family; Ruth Rensberger; Mary Ann Robinson; Linda Ruebling (*death of mother, Shirley Cook*); Bill Schelar; Sarah Shaffer (*Bev and Dick Koos’s niece*); Sue Shawver and family (*death of husband, father, and grandfather, Ward*); Sara Sinclair; Rev. Katie and Philip Styr (loss of unborn twins); Donald and Delma Timm; LeGene Vaughn (*mother of Nancy Foster*); families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, and all recent natural disasters.

**Mission Partners:** Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*), Rev. Herbert and Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe.

**Hospital visits** by the Pastors to members and friends of the church, are made only with a patient’s permission.

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Worship at Eight-Thirty and Ten O’Clock in the Morning



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### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalms 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

“We need not wait for justice: it is a compassion flowing now,  
a courage rising up in you now, it is who we are already.”

by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God,  
and in loving memory of Jim Pratscher, a victim of gun violence on July 3, 1969,  
by his sister Catherine Pratscher-Woods.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

\*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

Liturgist: Tracy Riedesel; Sermon: Rev. Katie Styr

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

**PRELUDE** 10:00 AM “Toccatina in a minor, F#m, BWV 101” Johann Jakob Froberger

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude. The Bible, which has been placed near the outside door symbolizing its place in the world, is brought to the lectern from which lessons will be read, symbolizing the place of Scripture in Christian Worship.

**PRELUDE** 10:00 AM “Meditation” Dom Paul Benoit

## PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all you who are stressed and tired. Let us gather in this holy pause.

**In this place, we lay down our burdens.**

We take this time to still our minds.

**Let us release our tasks and to-do lists, even for an hour.**

Now is the time to rest in God’s love.

**We step into awareness of God’s love and come to pray, to sing, and to renew our spirits.**

Let us open our hearts to hear God’s call and rejoice!

**\*HYMN** “God of Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” NATIONAL HYMN

1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y  
 2. Thy love di-vine hath led us in the  
 3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes - ti-  
 4. Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand lead forth in beau - ty all the star-ry band of shin-ing  
 past. In this free land by three our lot is cast. Be thou our  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense. Thy true re  
 way. Lead us from night to ne - ver-en-ding day. Fill all our

worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
 li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
 lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun-teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing “Take, O Take Me” one time.

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall  
 be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, we confess that we often ignore your call and follow our own path. We choose fear over love and bury our God-given gifts. There are times that we fail to encourage others, but the Body of Christ needs all of its members to flourish. We are jealous of others, denying that they too are chosen. Forgive us, O God. Help us to see how we can work together, and grant us the courage to live as your chosen people. Amen**

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing “Take, O Take Me” one time.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe this good news of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 579

**ANTHEM** “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

8:30 AM Heidi Pedersen, soprano arr. Mark Hayes

10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir arr. Peter Wilhousky

## LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Genesis 24:10-20; Psalm 24:1-6

The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too.  
**Because God is the one who established it on the seas; God set it firmly on the waters.**

Who can ascend the Lord’s mountain? Who can stand in his holy sanctuary?  
**Only the one with clean hands and a pure heart; the one who hasn’t made false promises, the one who hasn’t sworn dishonestly.**

That kind of person receives blessings from the Lord and righteousness from the God who saves.

**And that’s how things are with the generation that seeks him -- that seeks the face of Jacob’s God.**

Matthew 18:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “The Perfect Match”

## RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

**\*HYMN** “This is My Song” FINLANDIA

1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light, too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 O hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

— with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 — a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 — my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS** 8:30 AM

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

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**THE LORD’S PRAYER** - (Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

10:00 AM “Nimrod” from *Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar

### PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

Those who are able, please rise singing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDRETH, 592 in the hymnal.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, you have given each one of us bountiful gifts, so we offer this money in gratitude and love. May our gifts today be used for your work in the world. Amen.**

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