June 14, 2020 Second Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)

Psalm116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

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He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

Luke 10:27-28

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Katie Styrt

Preparation for Worship

Worshipers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

Improvisation on Let Us Break Bread Together

Alex Gilson

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

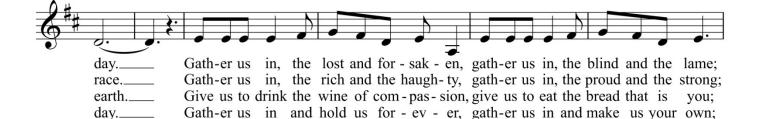
- L: O Lord, faithful and joyful God,
- C: we can scarcely believe the good things you intend for your people.
- L: When we recognize your generosity and hear your promises,
- C: our mouths are filled with laughter, and our tongues shout for joy.
- L: We rejoice and are glad indeed for the great things you promise for us.
- C: Fulfill your promises in the lives of all whom we lift up before you.
- L: For those whose good fortune seems to have dried up:
- C: Restore your promises and make your people whole.
- L: For those who weep today:
- C: May they sing songs of joy once more.
- L: For those who anxiously wait for the seeds of life to sprout once more:
- C: May your abundant harvest be known.
- L: Faithful God, we entrust our future to your steadfast promises,
- C: and we wait patiently for you.



1.Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness van-ished a - way; 2.We are the young, our lives are a mys - tery, we are the old who yearn for your face; 3.Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the bread of new birth, 4.Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en, light years a - way



the light of this see in this space our fears and our dream-ings brought here to you we have been sung through - out all of his - tory, called to be light to the whole hu man hereyou shall call your sons andyour daugh-ters, call us a-new to be salt for the here in this place the new light is shin - ing, now is the king-dom, and now is the





call to us now, and we shall a - wak-en, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name._____ give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song._____ nour-ish us well, andteach us to fash-ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.____ gath - er us in, all peo-ples to-geth - er, fire____ of love in our flesh and our bone.____

Children's Message Rev. Katie Styrt

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession - *Sing* "Spirit of the Living God" one time.



Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

You walk among us, O Lord, hoping we will see your face in the crowd. We confess that most of the time, we are not looking. And when we do look, we are afraid of what we see. We close our ears and laugh it off when you call our names. When we are too wrapped up in our own concerns to recognize you, forgive us. When we are too certain, and there is no room for your mystery, forgive us. When we have locked our doors, our minds, and our hearts, forgive us. Show us your face again, living God. Teach us to see, and to welcome you in. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "Spirit of the Living God" one time.

Assurance of Pardon

In the beginning, God planted goodness deep within creation—and through the grace of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, we are able to live as the Body of Christ, showing that goodness to the world. Friends, live and believe this good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem

Expedition to Everest Meg Saskowski, piano

Chrissy Ricker

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

The New Testament page 71

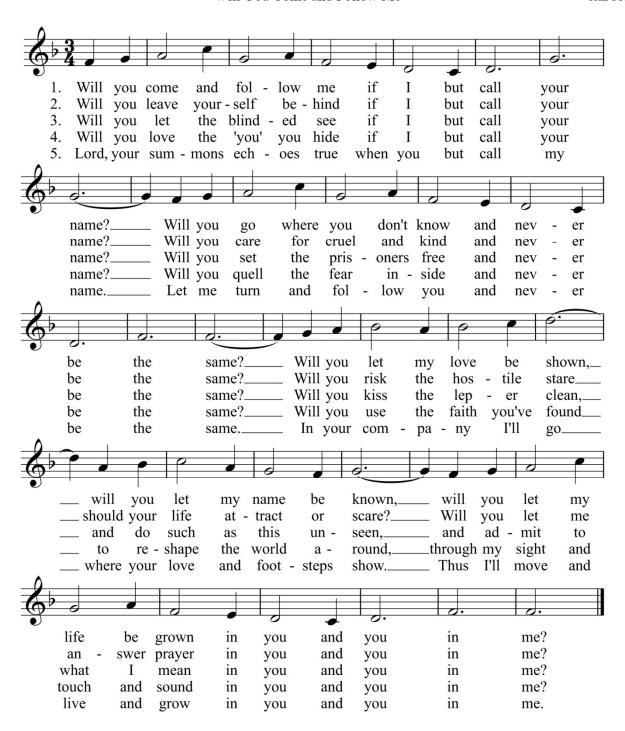
This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

So Who is My Neighbor? Really?

Rev. Mark Galbraith

Sermon



Affirmation of Faith

- L: God has made us God's people through baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.
- C: I believe in God, who created all things, and seeks for all to be in communion as God's people. I believe in Jesus the Christ, who showed us how to share love, and who commissioned us to go out into the highways and byways, inviting all to be a part of God's work in the world. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who leads and guides us into the world, then touches the lives of those around us, in ways that make them receptive to love. I believe in the harvest, and the call for laborers to receive and respond, sharing light and life with the world. Amen.

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...

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.

To donate, please visit the church website, fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now," use the link: https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm, or mail your check in to the church office

Le Cygne de *Le Carnaval des Animaux* Alex Gilson, cello; Matt Bishop, piano

Camille Saint-Saens

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Please sing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: Old Hundredth, 592 in the hymnal.

Prayer of Dedication

- L: Together, we pray:
- C: Generous God, you have provided for us in ways we cannot even imagine. As we return to you a portion of your many gifts, we give you thanks and praise. Bless these offerings, and multiply them into blessings for your people in this place and around the world. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who offered his very life, we pray. Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Charge and Blessing

Postlude Fantasie No. 1 in E flat Major Camille Saint-Saëns

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Mary Katherine and family of Ben (friends of Don Wood); Carlen Brinser; Nancy Buening (mother of Rebecca Buening-Ferris); Traci Cracraft's extended family; Jolene Keeney; Betty Nelson (mother of Tim Nelson); family of Libby Turner Platt; Tracy Riedesel and family (death of mother and grandmother, Dee Dee Muller); Glen Roebuck and family (death of his mother, Charlotte Roebuck); Wilton Retirement Community; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A Letter from Pastor Mark and Pastor Katie

God's beloved people:

Words continue to escape us as we try to describe our collective outrage over the atrocity of what happened to Mr. Floyd in Minneapolis.

It demonstrated that the ugliness of racism still is alive in our nation, and must be addressed by all people of goodwill and faith. Like all forms of sin, racism has a nasty habit of being ubiquitous, affects all of us, and continually needs to be called out and overcome by all of us.

It was an instance of an abuse of power, that happens in all sectors of life, that must not be tolerated. Changes must happen so moments like this do not continue. Many military and civilian servants of our nation are also disgusted and outraged at the inexcusable abuse of power that was on display. We rightly expect accountability and justice to be had, in this instance, as in all.

It has led to peaceful demonstrations calling out again for dialogue and constructive change across all segments of our society, change that is needed more than ever. It has also led to ugly destruction and violence, and those responsible are to be held accountable.

So what can we do as a community of faith?

We can come together as a community! Pastors Mark and Katie have begun conversations with Pastor Rogers Kirk of Third Missionary Baptist Church about how both of our communities can come together to share worship, fellowship, and find ways to express common support and voice for our community in these times. We believe that this is an opportune time to revive a previous pulpit exchange relationship both congregations enjoyed. Stay tuned for further developments.

We can act! Take time to donate to organizations which are rebuilding communities and working to stop violence. Speak up for justice. Learn about the history of racism and violence, so we can work for a better future. If you're not sure where to start, ask Pastor Katie for resources, which the ACE Committee is working on.

We can pray! Let us pray for:

- •Our president, Congress, governor, state legislatures, and all in elected leadership for wisdom in their leadership and decisions.
- •All who wear the uniforms of our nation, whether civilian or military.
- •All congregations, faith-based organizations, and human service organizations to come together and find practical and life-giving solutions to the divisions and oppression, racial and otherwise that those in our community experience, especially people of color and all who are disenfranchised, and that impact all of us.
- •That each of us, equipped by God's Word, filled by God's ever-active presence, become part of the change we want to see happen in our nation and our communities.

- •For the officers involved in that abuse of power, the family of George Floyd and the families of these officers, and for all involved in the investigation and responsible for the exercise of justice.
- •For all who have experienced damage because of the riots and for those who caused the damage.
- •For all who march for peace that they become agents of peace in our communities.

We continue to be agents and witnesses to God's transformative word in Jesus Christ that transforms us and our hearts. Because in the end, this is the only solution that lead us to action as Christians. It is the only solution that will solve the problem of human sin and brokenness that manifests itself in moments like these. It is the one unique gift that God has entrusted to the church, in all her expressions, to offer to our world, that is deeply broken by all expressions of sin manifest before us, and needs wholeness and resurrection.

As Dr. Martin Luther King says: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that."

As the scriptures say in 1 John 2: 9-11: Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

And: John 13:34-35 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

May God's Shalom abound in our world today!

Pastors Mark and Katie

Other Ways to Experience Worship

We know that not everybody is comfortable with sharing worship services digitally. If you would prefer to receive a DVD of Sunday worship, please contact the church office with your information. If you would prefer a written transcript instead, let the church office know. We want everybody to be able to praise God during this strange time!

Worship Watch Party

Our worship services are pre-recorded so that they can have closed captions and higher video quality. However, we miss praying with you all at the same time! If you do too, join us on Facebook every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Go to our church Facebook page and join our worship video watch party - you'll be able to chat with other people and know that we're worshiping together. Be with you then!

Bible Basics 201 – Art and Scripture

Join us for a six-week series exploring scripture through visual art and music. We'll read popular Bible stories, and examine how they've been portrayed throughout the ages. No expertise needed, but please contact Katie if you need tech support or for more information!

You can join us online:

https://zoom.us/j/104294135?pwd=Ylo4QVdBeWZHQ3JURUppbVkvQitwQT09,

or call in:

312-626-6799 and enter the meeting ID (104 294 135)

Contact Katie for the meeting password.

June 17: The Prodigal Son - Luke 15

Midweek Prayer

Join us on Facebook live for a brief time of prayer and scripture! Go to the church's Facebook page at noon on Wednesdays for community prayer. Post your prayer requests in chat during our time together, or watch the video devotional anytime. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can still watch these devotional videos at any time by going to https://www.facebook.com/fpcdavenport/live.

Attention Gardeners, or Those Who Want to Get Outside and Play in the Dirt!

Deacons are working with P.U.N.C.H. this year in our Neighborhood Garden located on Iowa St. across from the church. Planting took place the week of May 18. We could use help with weekly weeding and maintenance of the garden. Please contact Debbie Keenan (815-621-8009; dkeenan0912@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of this great project providing fresh produce to those in need.

Virtual Vacation Bible Camp - Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26

This year our Vacation Bible Camp is going virtual! Join us from June 22-26 for "You Are My Sonshine", a celebration of God's love in the natural world. We'll have a half-hour of Zoom programming in the morning from 10:00-10:30 AM, and take-home activity packs for kids to enjoy. Sign up at this link: https://bit.ly/3eGaHSX. Since this is a virtual event, kids living anywhere can take part!

Broadway Musical: Guys and Dolls - POSTPONED

The FPC-PAS production of the Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls* has been postponed to next spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This decision was made with the health of our congregation, cast, crew, and community at heart.

If you already have a ticket, either individually or as part of a PAS season ticket package, it is transferrable to the new dates - there is no need for a ticket reissue. We anticipate announcing a new date in the coming weeks. At that time, if you are unable to attend the new performance dates, you will have the option of requesting a full refund on the ticket price by emailing bishop@fpcdavenport.org. Alternatively, you may donate your tickets to the Performing Arts Series, and this donation will be counted as tax-deductible.

Stump the Organist!

Join us Friday at noon on Facebook Live for Stump the Organist! FPC Principal Organist Alex Gilson will take your requests for sacred hymns and work his improvisatory magic. Tune in from the comfort of your home to test the knowledge and creative prowess of your organist.

Online Harpsichord Recital - Tuesday, June 23 at Noon

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, June 23 at noon. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by Carlos Seixas and François Couperin on the church's Lindholm harpsichord. The video will be available on the church's Facebook page. Enjoy some Baroque music with your lunch!

Musikgarten and Cherubs Have Gone Virtual!

We launched on Sunday, March 29 and will continue our Zoom classes until we can get back to seeing each other in person. We'll meet for Cherubs at 8:45 AM on Sunday mornings and continue right into Musikgarten from 9:00-9:30 AM. You can stay on for both classes or choose the one you want to attend. If you are reading this and have young children who would like to join us but are not on my email list, reach out to me and I will add you so I can send you the link each week. It's probably going to be noisy, we'll probably have a glitch here and there and it will undoubtedly be a little chaotic but that's ok! We all need to see each other and talk and laugh with each other. For more info, contact Kathy Middleton, kathrynb15@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed

During this time of isolation, FPC members have been calling each other to check in and offer resources. We need more callers! If you're willing to call (or text, or message) fellow church members and check in on them, please contact Katie to get a list.

Need a Mask?

Need a mask? The CDC recommends wearing a cloth mask for times when it is difficult to keep a six foot distance, such as grocery shopping. If you need a mask, please contact Pastor Katie.

Cyber Seniors Offers Free Training During Pandemic



Need tech help? Seniors can call 1-844-217-3057, where trained volunteers are standing by to answer their tech questions and to help them sign up for online training sessions.

Tech savvy seniors can also:

- register online for a group session or one-on-one tech-support by visiting our website at www.cyberseniors.org.
- access the over 1200 training tutorials and the Cyber-Seniors discussion forum by calling us at 1-844-217-3057 to register.

Birdies for Charity Update

The 2020 John Deere Classic is cancelled due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions around events and public gatherings in the surrounding area. While the golf will be greatly missed, the charitable 2020 Birdies for Charity campaign will continue. The tournament has committed to deliver a 5% bonus to all participating organizations. If you have already donated through Birdies for Charities, please know your gift to your designated charity will be honored with a 5% bonus. For those who intended to donate per number of birdies made during the tournament, your pledge will be converted to a flat \$20 donation per penny (examples \$0.01/birdie = \$20; \$0.10/birdie = \$200). Still want to participate in the 2020 Birdies for Charity Campaign? It's not too late! You can donate online by going to https://birdiesforcharity.com/ clicking on the "Make a Donation" link and consider First Presbyterian Church of Davenport (#2196) as your designated charity.



The Divine Drama Updates

Due to technical difficulties, the final morning session of the Divine Drama is rescheduled to Tuesday morning, June 16, 9:30-11:00 AM. The zoom link is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/928313279

Mark Galbraith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: The Divine Drama Time: June 16, 2020 9:30 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

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