

June 21, 2020  
Third Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Genesis 21:8-21  
Romans 6:1b-11

Psalms 86:1-10, 6-17  
Matthew 10:24-39

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?  
Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that  
just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.  
Romans 6:3-4

### The Church Gathers To...

#### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Katie Styr

#### Preparation for Worship

*Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.*

#### Prelude

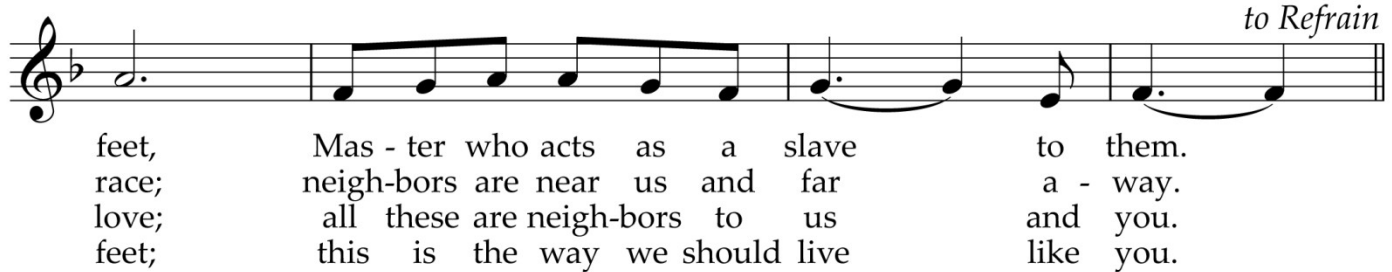
Improvisation on *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Alex Gilson

### Praise Almighty God

#### Call to Worship

- L: Alleluia! We praise you, O Lord with every fiber of our being.  
C: **With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength we will sing praises to you.**  
L: We earnestly put our trust in you alone,  
C: **knowing that there is no other helper but you, the Almighty.**  
L: Therefore we call out to you on behalf of all who are hungry or oppressed,  
C: **asking you to keep your faithfulness to your beloved creation.**  
L: Liberator, set the prisoners free;  
C: **Light of the world, open the eyes of those who cannot see;**  
L: strength of the broken, lift up those who long to be healed.  
C: **O Lord, hear our prayers for those we lift up before you.**  
L: Preserve the righteous by your justice; care for the stranger in your compassion;  
C: **sustain the orphan and the widow in your community of faith; and save all your world from the hand of the wicked.**  
All: **You, O Lord, shall reign forever.**

*Refrain**Fine**to Refrain*

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

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

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me; Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me." The final note of the fourth staff is a double bar line.

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Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.

### Call to Confession

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive only ourselves, and we leave no room for God's truth to dwell in us. When we confess our sin, we are able to experience the abundant mercy of God's everlasting grace, right here and right now. Before God, with the people of God, let us confess to our brokenness. Let us pray.

### Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

**All:** God, your will is for all creation to have abundant life. We confess that sometimes we do not understand your way, and often we prefer to walk our own way. We confess that sometimes we have received your good gift, then allowed that gift to become our god. We confess that it is easier to ask you to bless what we want to do, rather than to ask for the courage to do what you are blessing. Forgive our hard hearts and closed minds, our selfish ambition and cultural bondage. Free us to follow your way of justice, peace, and love.

L: Gracious God,

**All:** Silence every voice in us but your own, that we may be your faithful people. We pray in the name of the One who lived every moment in obedience to you, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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

### Assurance of Pardon

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. From before the beginning until long beyond our imagination, God's love endures. Know that you are forgiven, loved and free. Thanks be to God!

**All: Amen.**

## **Listen for God's Word**

### **Scripture Reading**

Romans 6:1b-11

*The New Testament page 156*

Matthew 10:24-39

*The New Testament page 10*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

Baptized and Free

Rev. Mark Galbraith

# Respond to God's Word

Hymn

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN



1. For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta- ble, for ev - ery-one born, clean  
3. For young and for old, a place at the ta- ble, a voice to be heard, a  
5. For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta- ble, to live with-out fear, and



wa - ter and bread, a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing  
part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrin kled,  
sim-ply to be, to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery-one born, a star o - ver - head,  
for young and for old, the right to be - long, and  
for ev - ery-one born, the right to be free,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, com -



pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre -



a - tors of jus - tice, jus-tice and joy!

## Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**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, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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, [fpedavenport.org](http://fpedavenport.org), and click on "Donate Now," use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>, or mail your check in to the church office

Ave Maria, D. 839

Franz Schubert

Matt Bishop, piano; Alex Gilson, cello

## 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

Fugue in C Major, BWV 545, 2

J. S. Bach

## 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*); family of David Galbraith (*Pastor Mark's cousin*); Nancy Hagen (*mother of Colleen Duenas*); Jim Keenan (*death of his sister and brother-in-law*); Jolene Keeney; Betty Nelson (*mother of Tim Nelson*); Tracy Riedesel and family (*death of mother and grandmother, Dee Dee Mueller*); 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

### **ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, June 28, 10:30 AM**

The Annual Congregational Meeting, that was originally scheduled for March 22, 2020, is rescheduled to Sunday, June 28, 2020, at 10:30 AM, via Zoom, immediately following the 9:30 AM online worship service. The link for the Zoom meeting is available below.

The purposes of the meeting are:

- 1) To review all things ministry-wise at FPC-D for 2019 and vote on attendant motion items and,
- 2) Approve The Rev. Katie Styrt's terms of call.

There will be a follow-up meeting on Sunday, July 26, at 10:30 AM, via Zoom, for presentations, discussion and actions on "The Way Forward". A Zoom link will be provided as we get closer to this date.

The agenda, and annual report for the June 28 Annual Meeting are available on the the e-news and website for you to download. You may also request the office to have printed copies mailed to you. Voting will be done by paper ballot.

Please be on the look-out for a snail-mail containing the paper ballot, as well as a letter from myself and Pr. Katie about the Pandemic Re-opening Policy, as adopted by the Session on June 15, 2020.

Please make every effort to attend this important Annual Meeting, so we can exceed the needed quorum of 60 members.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84331102033?pwd=NkgzYU1xbnJlS0NQeWlQN3h6V2cydz09>

Mark Galbraith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Annual Meeting

Time: Jun 28, 2020 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 843 3110 2033

Password: 316447

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdNuN5To9a>

## **A Letter from Pastor Mark and Pastor Katie**

Dear Friends,

Over the past few months, COVID-19 has disrupted our lives in so many ways. Canceling in-person church activities has been one of the hardest changes for us. As new cases in the Quad Cities slowly decrease, we are finally able to make plans for the safe reopening of our building. We've attached our church's reopening policy, so that everyone can prepare for our future together.

This policy has been written with careful discussion from our Pandemic Response Team made up of staff, elders, and congregational members. We discussed how reopening our building will affect people with health concerns, the community we serve in mission, and our cleaning staff. Our team reviewed several guidelines, and agreed to base this policy on guidance from an epidemiologist. The team is made up of: Pastors Mark Galbraith and Katie Styr, Matt Bishop, Darren Long, Pam Paulsen, Jim Middleton, Heather Calvert, Dr. Andy Edwards, RuthAnn Tobey Brown, and Kristine Oswald. Their hard work will continue as we work out the nuts and bolts of what it means to gather safely.

We will not summarize the policy - it's not too long, and you should read it yourselves. However, we want to be clear that it doesn't include dates for reopening. Instead, the church will begin to resume in-person activities as soon as the COVID-19 rate in our metro area is low enough for us to gather. As new cases continue to decrease, we'll continue to loosen our restrictions. Our church's happiness will be directly tied to the health of our community, which should always be true. If a second wave of deaths or infections occurs, we'll have to tighten our safety guidelines as we mourn those who are suffering. This means that in-person church activities will look different from month to month, but always have the end goal of keeping our church family as safe as possible. Please be sure to check the church website, Facebook page, or call the office to keep updated.

As Christians, we are committed to loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. COVID-19 has made the Golden Rule a tangible, conscious spiritual practice in new ways. Because we love our neighbors, we will wear face coverings until the infection rate lowers. Because we love our congregation, we will stay distanced from each other even in person. It will take work to build up these habits, but the annoyance of wearing masks and distancing is tiny next to the joy of caring for each other. We can adapt to this "new normal" together.

Friends, it will be a long time before church looks or sounds like it did in the past. Many people may continue to stay at home out of safety concerns, and there will be online options for them. However, our church has never stopped being a community of people who love God and each other. We have found new ways to stay connected over these past few months. The creativity and dedication you have already shown will continue to guide us through our reopening process. With God's help, we will have the patience and unselfishness needed for the months ahead. Please feel free to reach out to any of us on the Pandemic Response Team to ask questions. We are so, so excited to prepare for seeing you all in person again.

Peace,

Pastors Mark Galbraith and Katie Styr.

## **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 worshipping together. Be with you then!

## **Bible Basics 201 – Letter from a Birmingham Jail**

As a brief departure from our regular programming, we'll do a four-week study on Rev. Dr. King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." This letter is being considered as an addition to the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Book of Confessions. Everyone is welcome to join this study, not just Bible Basics regulars! Join us on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/96343292274?pwd=RmttNUc2aXcrSENjeTJyRFB6eER4dz09>, or call 312-626-6799 and enter Meeting ID: 963 4329 2274 and Password: 597055. We'll meet on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15pm.

### **Our schedule:**

- June 24 - Starting letter, King's introduction - Pages 1-4:10 and selections from Galatians, Genesis 1, Isaiah 10
- July 1 - Is There a Right Way to Protest? - Pages 4:11-7:15 and selections from Luke 11 and Matthew 21
- July 8 - The White Moderate and the White Church - Pages 7:16-12:10 and Revelation 3
- July 15 - Looking Forward - Pages 12:11-14 and 1 John 1

## **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!**

The neighborhood garden is planted and needs weekly maintenance (weather providing). The Deacons are asking anyone to adopt a week – you can pick whenever in that week to weed or water if needed.

### **Weekly availability:**

6/21 – 6/27	7/5 – 7/11	8/2 – 8/8
6/28 – 7/4	7/12 – 7/18	8/9 – 8/15
7/19 – 7/25	8/16 – 8/22	8/16 – 8/22
	7/26 – 8/1	8/23 – 8/29
		8/30 – 9/5

Please contact Debbie Keenan (815-621-8009; [dkeen0912@gmail.com](mailto:dkeen0912@gmail.com)) to get on the schedule! Thank you for your part in watching our garden grow to feed our community!

## **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](mailto: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.

## Information from the Finance Office

	May 2020		May 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	47,645	57,470	60,537	65,185
Custodial Accounts Income	21,426	-	7,259	-
Compensation Expenses	46,671	47,558	48,445	48,797
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	12,295	18,550	20,277	29,583
Custodial Accounts Expenses	21,426	-	7,260	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(11,321)</b>	<b>(8,638)</b>	<b>(8,186)</b>	<b>(13,195)</b>
	2020 Year-To-Date		2019 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	420,976	446,318	421,674	396,380
Custodial Accounts Income	91,621	-	30,920	-
Compensation Expenses	246,270	252,536	238,843	247,637
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	72,891	98,485	105,393	132,714
Custodial Accounts Expenses	91,621	-	30,920	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>101,815</b>	<b>95,297</b>	<b>77,438</b>	<b>16,029</b>

All numbers are rounded.

### 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, [kathrynbl5@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynbl5@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.