

July 12, 2020
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Genesis 25:19-34
Romans 8:12-25

Psalms 119:105-112
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
Isaiah 55: 10-11

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev Mark Galbraith

Preparation for Worship

Worshipers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

Prelude in C Major, BWV 531

J. S. Bach

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

One: God calls in the midst of our busy lives,

All: with a soft whisper, a clear voice, a gentle nudge, a striking view.

One: God calls in the midst of our busy lives,

All: asking us to come and follow, to lay down our nets and pick up the cross.

One: God calls in the midst of our busy lives,

All: giving everything and asking for everything.

One: God calls in the midst of our busy lives,

All: and so we come.

Hymn

Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un - der stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Children's Message

Sarah Greim

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession - Sing "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" one time.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Prayer of Confession

One: God, you scatter seeds of hope, abundance, and new life.

All: But we have mixed some of our own seeds — seeds of fear, greed, apathy.

One: Then seeing our mistake, we have tried to purify the garden, we have pushed out brothers and sisters, built walls that isolate, and made rules that hurt.

All: Forgive our anxious weeding, O God, and help us repair the garden of your kingdom.

One: Show us how to cultivate fruitfulness and hospitality, a place of peace and grace.

All: Teach us to trust your skill, master gardener, and to see your kingdom come. Amen.

One: Together we pray:

All: We watch in horror, loving God, as you scatter seed with abandon, never even looking to see where it will fall. We think we could do it better—plowing and planting in only the best soil, carefully measuring out just the right amount of seed, fertilizer and water. “No waste, no want,” we say. We fear that there will not be enough and so we hoard what we have been so generously given by you, saving what we should be sharing. O God, forgive us for not trusting your ways and for doubting your extravagant abundance. Our own roots are shallow and we quickly fall away in the heat of the day; the weeds of our lives choke our commitment to you. Release us from our fears so that we may bear fruit for you and grow in us a desire to live abundant lives, flowering with generosity and mercy... (...moment of silent confession.)

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” one time.

Assurance of Pardon

One: 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.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Listen for God’s Word

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 55:10-13

The Old Testament page 686

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The New Testament page 13

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Sow Extravagantly

Rev. Mark Galbraith

Respond to God's Word

Hymn

Our God Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;
5. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home.

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

One: God has made us God's people through baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith:

All: 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, fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now," use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>, or mail your check in to the church office

Adagio from Sonata for Viola de Gamba and Harpsichord, BWV 1029

J. S. Bach

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:

All: O God, your creative presence makes the earth abundant. You provide us with what is needed, in your love. Through this offering, we participate in your work, so all your people might be dressed in pure joy, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Fugue in C Major, BWV 531, 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*); Nancy Hagen (*mother of Colleen Dueñas*); family of Nancy Hoffman; Don Hultgren (*hospice*); Jolene Keeney; Betty Nelson (*mother of Tim Nelson*); Don Pedersen and family (*death of wife and mother, Marsha*); Phil Schwister; Wilton Retirement Community; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

Special Congregational Meeting: "The Way Forward" - Sunday, July 26, 2020, 10:30 AM

The Session of FPC-D has scheduled a special congregational meeting, **Sunday July 26, at 10:30 AM**, following the online worship service. Entitled "*The Way Forward*", the sole purpose of this meeting is informational. Representatives of the Presbytery of East Iowa will present information on next steps in the transition and reconciliation process. There will be no official business transacted during this meeting.

You can join the meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/93354201472?pwd=QWxBZjTFovZzdMOE85UGZuT3FZUT09> on your computer, or by dialing 312-626-6799 and entering the meeting ID (933 5420 1472) and password (807515). Since Pastor Mark will be on vacation, please contact Pastor Katie with any tech support questions.

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!

Cherubs and Musikgarten Have Gone Virtual! – Sundays, 8:45-9:30 AM

We 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.

Worship Watch Party - Sundays, 9:30 AM

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!

Virtual Coffee Hour - Sundays, immediately following Worship Watch Party

Join fellowship immediately following the Worship Watch Party by clicking on the ACE link below!

ACE Lecture Series: *Under-Representation in Black Art* – Sundays, July 12 and 19, 10:45 AM

Director of Music Matt Bishop will continue his lecture series over Zoom focusing on Black musicians, artists, and writers and the obstacles they face as a result of their skin color. The series will examine historical and living figures, and why representation in Black art has been and continues to be problematic.

Today: Under-Representation in Black Literature and Poetry

July 19: Under-Representation in Black Visual Art

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89568731991?pwd=Mm9XbEhBK1I3dmo4b3NJUlpYcUpHQOT09>

Meeting ID: 895 6873 1991

Password: Harlem

Dial-in number: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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>.

Bible Basics 201 – Wednesdays, 6:15 PM

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 6:15-7:15 PM.

Our schedule:

July 15 - Looking Forward - Pages 12:11-14 and 1 John 1

Online Harpsichord Recital - Tuesday, July 21 at Noon

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, July 21 at noon. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by Georg Philipp Telemann and Domenico Scarlatti on the church's Lindholm harpsichord. The video will be available on the church's Facebook page. Enjoy some Baroque music with your lunch!

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.

The Upper Room Online Devotional

During COVID-19, *The Upper Room* is now available online to print or read from the safety of your home. The July and August devotionals are available in the weekly e-news.

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:

7/19 – 7/25	8/2 – 8/8
7/26 – 8-1	8/9 – 8/15
	8/16 – 8/22
	8/23 – 8/29
	8/30 – 9/5

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

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.