

July 5, 2020  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Romans 7:15-25a

Psalms 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”  
Matthew 11: 28-30

### The Church Gathers To...

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev Katie Styr

**Preparation for Worship**

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

**Prelude**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond Johnson

### 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.**



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 - end - ing 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.

### Children's Message

## 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.

### **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**

**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.**

*Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" 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! Amen.

### **Anthem**

The Battle Hymn of the Republic  
*The Sanctuary Choir (Pre-recorded July 7, 2019)*

Arr. Peter Wilhousky

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

### **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*The New Testament page 11*

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

### **Sermon**

True Rest

Rev. Mark Galbraith

# 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.

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

Light Dawns on a Weary World  
David Bowles Edwards, tenor soloist

F. W. Meacham

## 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

Vivace from *Trio Sonata no. 6 in G Major*, BWV 530,1

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 Dueñas*); Jim Keenan (*death of his sister and brother-in-law*); Jolene Keeney; Betty Nelson (*mother of Tim Nelson*); Don Pedersen and family (*death of wife and mother, Marsha*); Phil Schwister; Tracy Riedesel and family (*death of mother and grandmother, Dee Dee Mueller*); Wilton Retirement Community; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

**SAVE THE DATE: Congregation Meeting – Sunday, July 26, 10:30 AM**

### 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:

July 8 – 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>.

**ACE Lecture Series: *Under-Representation in Black Art*** – Sundays, July 5, 12 and 19, 10:45 AM

For the first three weeks in July, Director of Music Matt Bishop will lead a 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.

July 5: Under-Representation in Black Classical Music

July 12: Under-Representation in Black Literature and Poetry

July 19: Under-Representation in Black Visual Art

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2015233704>

Meeting ID: 201 523 3704

Password: Chevalier

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

### **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:**

7/5 – 7/11	8/2 – 8/8
7/12 – 7/18	8/9 – 8/15
7/19 – 7/25	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.

### **Online Harpsichord Recital - Tuesday, July 7 at Noon**

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, July 7 at noon. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by Nicolas Lebègue and CPE Bach 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.