

September 13, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-212

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Romans 14:11b-12

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 “Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

God, you meet us where we are and gently guide us to where we will be.

When we miss one sign, you send us another until we respond in wonder and awe.

You continually guide and lead us in surprising and unexpected ways.

You are with us always, as we dream of a new heaven and earth.

Bless this time of worship together and unite us in your love.

May our praise bring us closer to you and each other.



1. For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble, for ev - ery-one born, clean
 2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, re - vis - ing the roles, de -
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a voice to be heard, a
 4. 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
 cid - ing the share, with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 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 wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair, and
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 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



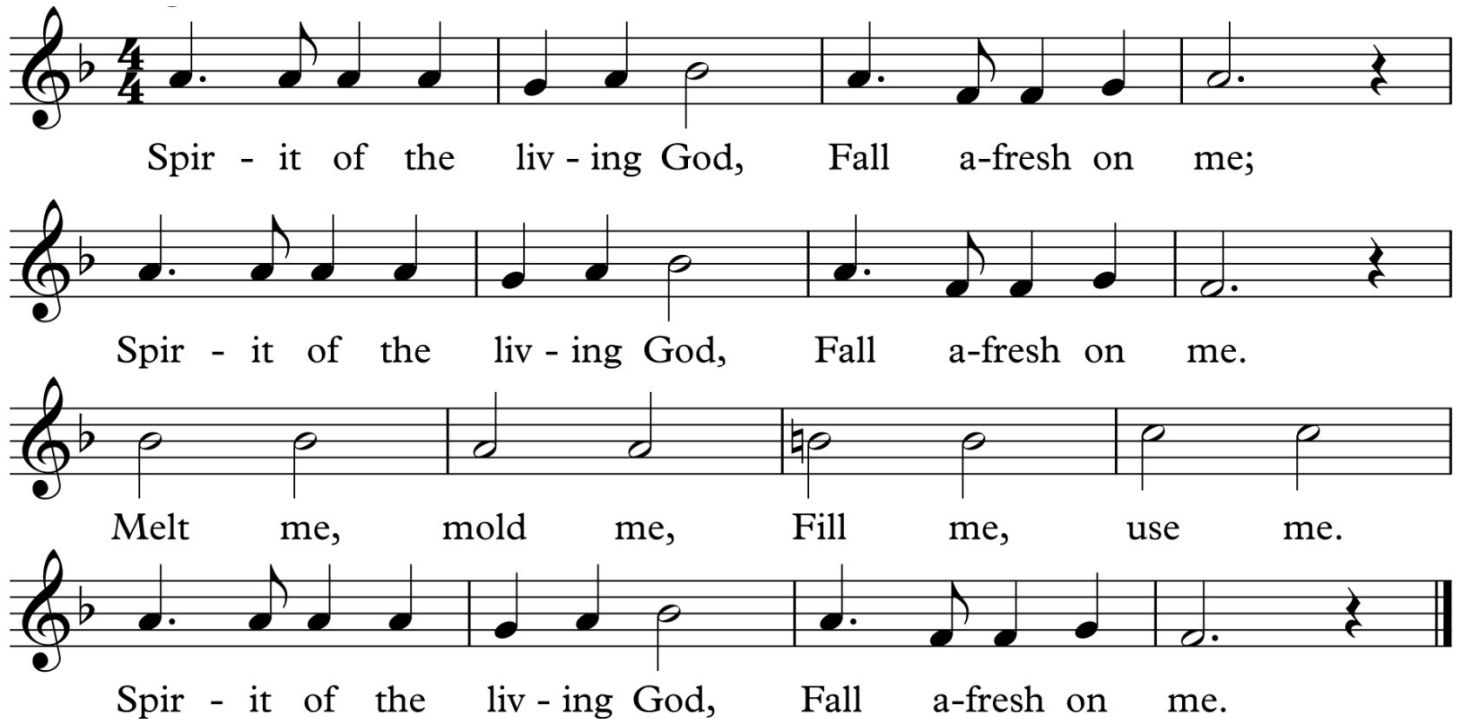
pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre -



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

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

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



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.

Prayer of Confession -

Almighty God, have mercy on us. For all the ways we stick with what is convenient, comfortable, or agreeable instead of what is good, forgive us. In all the ways we take advantage of others or ignore their needs, change us. When we lag in zeal and are undisciplined in our prayer instead of sharing hope, have mercy on us. When we judge those who rejoice and chastise those who weep, inspire us to compassion. We know we have fallen short of your call, and we ask for mercy. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

In all we do, let our love be genuine; for if we love as God has taught us, we will overcome evil. Friends, rejoice, for in Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven;

Thanks be to God.

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

Exodus 15:1b-11

Romans 14:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Other Side of the Fence

Rev. Katie Styr

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

Selected from the Barmen Declaration

Jesus Christ is the one Word of God which we trust and obey in life and in death. We reject areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords. The Christian Church is the congregation in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, in the expectation of his appearance.

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

Amazing Grace
Aidan Connolly, piano

Arr. Mark Hayes

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

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

Prayer of Dedication

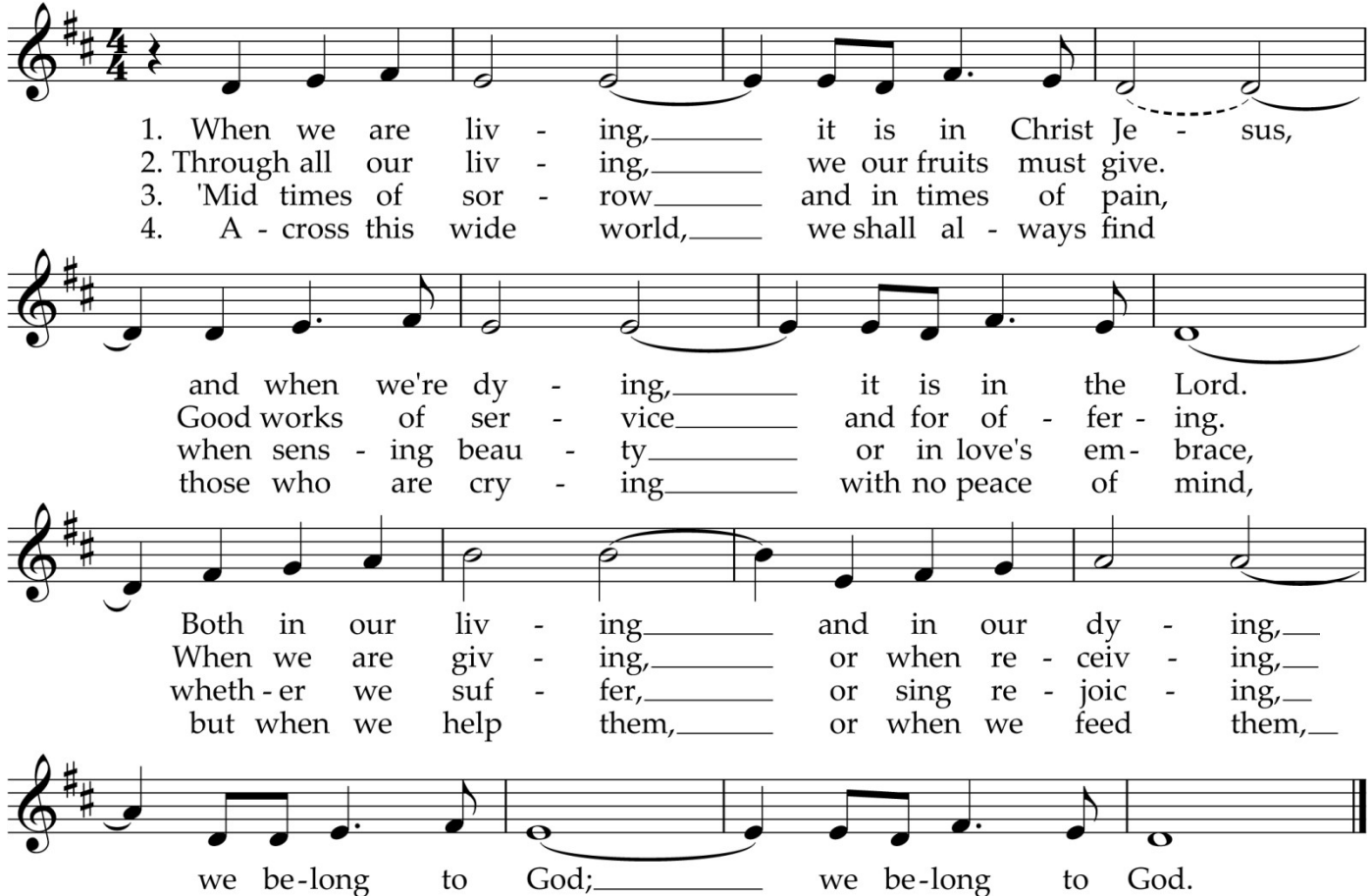
Holy God, we love because you first loved us. We share because you first blessed us. May what we love and share help to build your great commonwealth of love. Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

When We Are Living

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1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
3. 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
4. A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
Good works of ser - vice and for of - fer - ing.
when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,
those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,

we be-long to God; we be-long to God.

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29, BWV 29

J. S. Bach, Transcribed by Marcel Dupré

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Family of John Arnold; Carlen Brinser; Grant Gilson (*father of Alex Gilson*); family of Nancy Hoffman; Family of Don Hultgren; Jolene Keeney; Betty Nelson (*mother of Tim Nelson*); Dorothy Schelar and family (*death of husband and father Bill Schelar*; Florabelle Smith (*mother of Jim Smith*); Wilton Retirement Community; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

A Letter from the Clerk of Session

Dear Congregation,

I want to thank all the members who joined the live Zoom congregational meeting on August 23, 2020 and everyone that submitted a ballot. I can report to you that the Bridging Pastor Nominating Committee and the changes in call for Pastor Katie Styrt were both approved. The vote was the same for both motions, 74 in favor and 2 opposed.

The results were delayed a little longer than anticipated. During the process of receiving the votes, it was determined that the only votes that could be officially counted were from those in attendance at the live Zoom meeting (Robert's Rules). I made a good faith effort to determine if each voter was in attendance. The 76 votes mentioned above were from those confirmed to be in attendance. An additional 57 ballots were received from those not in attendance at the meeting. The tally of these additional ballots was 57-0 in favor of both motions.

Mark Jones

Clerk of Session

Christian Education for Youth (CEFY) Fall 2020

Teachers Needed

We are in need of adults to teach Sunday school, which begins today at 10:30-11:00 AM via Zoom. Teachers are scheduled at your convenience; every Sunday, twice a month, even once a month. We can use you! Don't care to teach regularly but still want to help? Subs are needed as well. We will start the year with online classes and move to in-person when we can. If interested, please contact Paula Hartmann (ppelhartmann@aol.com.) You can also call the church office.

Sunday School Begins Today!

Attention parents! Join us on Zoom for Sunday School! Starting today we'll meet from 10:30-11:00 AM every Sunday for Bible stories, sharing, and learning together. For security, the Zoom link is being emailed - please be sure to register for Sunday school (or contact Pastor Katie) so we can get your kids involved!

Drive-In Communion and Prayer – Sundays at 9:00 AM and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

Starting this week, we will be offering our Drive-In Communion on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM, in addition to Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. The 9:00 AM service allows time to drive home to watch our online worship service. Please bring your own elements to either 15-minute service.

Kirkwood Choir and Kirkwood Club Begin SOON!

ALL Kirkwood children (grades 1-5) are encouraged to participate in Kirkwood Choir and Kirkwood Club activities this fall! Please mark your calendars for Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 PM each week. (Please notice the time change from previous years.)

On September 16 and 23, Kirkwood Choir will be gathering on zoom from 6:00-6:30 PM. Miss Linda will send an email with a link to parents.

On September 30, Kirkwood Club will have an activity from 6:00-6:30 PM. Miss Sarah will send information to parents.

During the same time slot (Wednesdays, 6:00-6:30 PM), some weeks there will be choir activities and other weeks there will be a club activity planned. Kirkwood Club activities are being scheduled for one Wednesday each month. Kirkwood Choir will be gathering on all other Wednesdays when school is in session. We will provide more information as the fall unfolds.

It will be marvelous to see all of your faces and hear all of your voices again, soon! If you have questions, please contact Linda Bengfort or Sarah Greim. Thank you!

Peace and Global Witness Offering - Season of Peace

The Peace and Global Witness Offering is received during the season of peace, which is collected on World Communion Day, Sunday, October 4, 2020. This offering joins Presbyterians together as active peacemakers, enabling the church to promote the peace of Christ by directly addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Join Us for These Weekly Events Online!

For more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook:

Worship Watch Party - Sundays, 9:30 AM

Virtual Coffee Hour - Sundays, immediately following Worship Watch Party

Stump the Organist! – Every other Friday, 12:00 PM

Join the fun on Friday, September 25!

Online Harpsichord Recital - Tuesday, September 15, 12:00 PM

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, September 15 at noon. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by William Byrd, Johann Froberger, and J.S. 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!

Bible Basics 201 – Tuesdays, 6:15 PM

Join us on Zoom to discuss scripture and faith in contemporary music. We'll meet on Tuesdays from 6:15-7:15 PM on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98965381440?pwd=TUdyMXltRTMrRXdFWnBEZONEKzBYUT09>.

If you'd like to call in, you can call 312-626-6799 and enter 989 6538 1440 for the ID and 240979 for the password.

COVID Reopening Updates

Each week our Pandemic Response Team meets to plan for church activities during the pandemic. You can find highlights from each meeting here on our blog: <https://www.fpcdavenport.org/covid-blog/>. Please contact any team members with questions: Rev. Katie Styrt, Matt Bishop, Darren Long, Jim Middleton, Dr. Andy Edwards, Pam Paulsen, Heather Calvert, Kristine Oswald, and Jeanne Sherwood.

Highlights from the August Session Meeting

- Approved plans for a drive-in style weekly communion service in our parking lot.
- Our Sunday services in July averaged 130 watches each week.
- Amended our re-opening policy to provide guidance for church-sanctioned activities off campus.
- Expenses exceeded income for the 5th consecutive month. Please keep up on your pledges and non-pledge donations.
- Approved expenditures from the Capital Maintenance Endowment Fund to repair the elevator motor in the CE building.
- Reviewed items related to the transition from Pastor Galbraith to the Bridging Pastor. Rev. Pat Halverson has agreed to serve in worship and pastoral care. Rev. Pam Saturnia, First Presbyterian Church, Muscatine, will provide leadership to the staff and Session.
- Received information from the Presbytery of East Iowa regarding disaster relief efforts related to the recent wind storm. Volunteer and donation information can be found at <https://peia.org/disaster-assistance-information/>
- Approved and forwarded to the congregation a slate of candidates for the Bridging Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Approved and forwarded to the congregation changes in the call of Pastor Katie Styrt to assume duties as the Associate Pastor of Christian Education.

Financial Summary for the Month of July 2020

	July 2020		July 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	50,907	57,210	62,876	65,185
Custodial Accounts Income	5,720	-	11,786	-
Compensation Expenses	48,693	48,037	43,509	58,754
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	9,071	17,855	16,039	23,880
Custodial Accounts Expenses	5,720	-	11,786	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(6,857)	(8,682)	3,328	(17,449)
	2020 Year-To-Date		2019 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	519,256	549,948	539,135	526,750
Custodial Accounts Income	99,532	-	59,773	-
Compensation Expenses	343,191	348,614	324,606	354,605
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	95,802	136,905	136,366	184,725
Custodial Accounts Expenses	99,532	-	59,773	-
Surplus (Deficit)	80,263	64,429	78,163	(12,580)

All numbers are rounded.