

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 30, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. – Live Stream

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Préambule

Louis Vierne

Greetings

Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised. Let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

Your voice burns within the depths of our being, O God of our ancestors, and draws us into your presence and service. Hear the cries of your people and speak a word of comfort, that we may proclaim to all the earth the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (vs. 1, 4, 5)

No. 423

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

Kids Connection (pre-recorded)

Liz Norris

First Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Anthem

I Will Sing With the Spirit

John Rutter

Sermon

"The Divine Mindset"
Rev. Dave Fulton

Affirmation of Faith- *Nicene Creed Traditional*

No. 15

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do. As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light (*especially*). In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Sometimes a Light Surprises
Gretchen Bixler, Soprano

Craig Courtney

Doxology

No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

Lift High the Cross (vs. 1, 3, 4)

No. 371

Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

John Leavitt

Worship Leaders

Guest Pastor
Director of Music
Organist

Dave Fulton
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney