

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 6, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. – Live Stream
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Cantilena

Eugene Butler

Greetings

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: We call upon God's name !

Leader: Make known God's deeds to all the people!

People: We will tell of all God's wonderful works!

Leader: Glorious is God's holy name!

People: We come seeking the Lord!

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done!

People: We will remember that we are chosen by God!

Leader: For God is mindful of his covenant forever!

People: God will never forget his love for us!

Leader: So put away your doubting!

People: We shall fear no more!

Leader: Be undeterred by the storms of life!

People: For the Lord will command his peace!

Leader: The presence of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!

People: We are not alone!

Leader: So let us call out in praise!

People: The Lord, our God, is at hand! Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (vs. 1, 2, 4)

No. 426

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of power and might, we confess we are often fearful disciples. We confess that the storms of life often overwhelm us. We confess that the strong winds of change scare us. Doubt, worry and anxiety fill our hearts and minds. Lord, help us to trust in you. Send us your peace. Bind us closer together so we may find your presence in the midst of community. We know that your love and compassion for us knows no end.

Lord, save us now!

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	No. 579
Kids Connection (pre-recorded)		Liz Norris
First Reading		Exodus 12: 1-14
Anthem	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	Alice Parker
Second Reading		Romans 13:8-14
Sermon	<i>"A Message for Today"</i> Rev. Tom Church	

Affirmation of Faith (from "A Declaration of Faith")

"Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells us how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church toward the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one true God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe....Israel did not cease to be God's people. Yet out of Israel a new people was formed. The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus. Led by the apostles they began to proclaim with boldness the new thing God had done in Christ. They began to experience in their fellowship a new quality of common life. We believe that by the power of the same Spirit the church can be set on its way again, even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit."

Testimony		Brent Duncan
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Call to Stewardship		
Offertory	<i>Beautiful, Beautiful</i> Asael Gonzalez, Tenor	Francesca Battistelli
Doxology		No. 592
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn	<i>Come, Labor On</i> (vs. 1, 4)	No. 415

Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Postlude

Interlude

Hermann Schroeder

Worship Leaders

Guest Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music
Organist

Tom Church
Alana Shetlar
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney