

Sunday Worship

July 14, 2013

*"In Your will is our peace;
In Your love is our rest;
In Your service is our joy."*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN MEDLEY (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Hear now our confessions that come quietly from our hearts and minds...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

ANTHEM

COMMISSIONING OF VBS TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*For summer Sundays children remain with parents in worship;
younger children may go to the nursery downstairs.*

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:27-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Renewing Power of God's Word"

"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul...The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart."

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He was opening the scriptures to us?" (Psalm 19:7-8)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN "Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet" Amy Grant
Katie Haase, cantor

Vocalist:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,
And think I've lost my way.
Still, You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near;
Please be near me to the end.

Congregational Refrain:

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

Vocalist:

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide,
And hold me to Your side,
And I will love you to the end.

Congregational Refrain:

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
And a light unto my path.
You're the light unto my path.**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*, hymnal pg. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

* Prayers of Dedication

* HYMN #404 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Steve Gallaher is the liturgist. Carolyn Riggins is the Elder of the Day.

‡ Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of your pew. Write prayer concerns and/or notes to the church office on the cards found in your pew rack and place them in the offering plate.

* If you are able, please stand.

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave will continue the summer sermon series on the Psalms, with Psalms 23, 34, 46, and 56:3, "When We Are Afraid."

Through the summer, we will start each of our services with a medley of favorite hymns in order to sing more that we know and love. Please remember to place hymn suggestions and requests in the offering plate or send lists to Neesa.

Pastor Dave is available for individual meetings with members of the congregation Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm, or on Saturdays when circumstances require it. Email him at david.stull.handley@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, July 14

- 9:45 am Elder training for Communion (to serve our homebound members).
- 12:05 pm We need volunteers to stay after worship and help set up the fellowship hall for VBS.
- 2-3:45 pm Club 345 for 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders at the AOC.
- 4-6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group meets.

Monday, July 15

- 9:00 am Vacation Bible School will be held this week, Monday-Friday from 9 am - 12:00 noon.
- 4:00 pm Property Committee meets.
- 5:00 pm Theology on Tap at the Guadalajara Grill.

Tuesday, July 16

- 5:30 pm Yoga in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, July 17

- 10:00 am Bible Study in the church library.

6:30 pm Senior Highs meet at Whitt's. Bring \$\$ for the meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Men's Small Group to Grow in Faith - Pastor Dave invites men of the church for a three month weekly experience discussing key passages from the Gospels. Whether you are a member, or have recently begun attending, this is an opportunity to grow in seeing your life as a disciple who seeks to "follow Christ" in the details of your everyday life. The group of eight will meet July-September, on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-7:00 in Dave's office. david.stull.handley@gmail.com.

A New Midweek "Disciple" Class begins mid-August. What is the "Disciple" curriculum? It is a weekly in-depth study and discussion group that gives participants a comprehensive understanding of the entire Bible and how it all fits together. According to Jesus, a disciple is a learner, believer, follower, and proclaimer. The goal of the Disciple study is to develop strong Christian leaders who have a good grasp of the foundations of their faith. This is a high-commitment/high pay-off venture beginning with weekly 2 1/2 hour sessions, mid-August through May. The homework required takes approximately an hour and a half of study time each day. Rev. Ken Gillespie, of our own congregation, will be the teacher. If you would like to be part of this venture, contact Pastor Dave or Maggie Brown.

Children's Worship will gather next Sunday, July 21 (VBS Sunday). Children's Worship will resume weekly worship on Rally Day, August 11. During Children's Worship, children learn The Lord's Prayer, the Doxology, and the Apostles' Creed. Next year our 5th graders will be eligible to help serve as helpers during Children's Worship. We also need one more adult volunteer to help lead Children's Worship. If interested please let Maggie know.

Confirmation Class 2013-2014 - this year will include rising 7th graders and high-schoolers (who have not completed confirmation and are interested in joining the church). Our teaching staff will be leading a 6-week study designed to prepare high-schoolers to join FPC upon completion of the study series. Contact Maggie in the church office if interested.



JOIN US AT KINGDOM ROCK!

**Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 19
from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.**

All children ages 2 through
entering 6th grade are welcome.

(Registrations are required for each child)



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We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey of
discipleship!*

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