

First Presbyterian Church
Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
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!*

*Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 12, 2020*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Christus Vincit (Christ Conquers)"
by Philip G. Kreckel

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
**We gather 'round table, font, and pulpit to root ourselves
in sacred story and grow in faith.**
God's teachings are our heritage; they bring joy to searching
hearts.
**We gather in God's presence to offer our thanks and
praise!**

*HYMN #353 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God the Sower, we confess that we do not always live as
people who obey your law. Sometimes, we are like rocky
ground. We welcome your word when life is simple, but
as soon as we face challenge, we forget your teachings and
our faith withers. Sometimes, we are a thicket full of
thorns. We clamor for more and step over the needy. Your
word is choked out of our hearts. Forgive us, Lord. Let

your Spirit work within and among us; make us good soil.
Weed out our resistance and water us with your grace,
that your word might grow within us and we might bear
fruit for the sake of your kingdom.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:1-11 (p. 917)

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Tie that Binds"
Arranged by Hannah Cruse / Performed by Mackenzie Kelly

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:12-21 (p. 917)

RESPONSE

SERMON "Saved"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967 (9.32-33)*

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus
Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of
all people.**

**His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.**

**His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ**

**in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on
the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the
awful consequences of the church's own complicity in
injustice.**

**In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human
life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and in the method of its action. So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)"
by Jean Langlais

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #707 "Take Thou Our Minds Dear Lord"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "In Nomine Domine"
by Ned Rorem

WORSHIP NOTES

Carolyn Riggins is today's liturgist.
Liz Van Otten is leading today's Children's Moment
Hannah Cruse is Director of Music.
Douglas Ferguson is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.
***Please stand if you are able.**

