



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 2, 2019 9:30 AM

First Presbyterian Church

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Holy God, through the power of Your Holy Spirit, move within us and among us as we worship. Open our eyes to Your presence; open our ears to Your call, open our hearts to one another. And then send us back out into the world, to live and work as Your faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Prelude in B-Flat Major* Buxtehude

INTROIT *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* LEMMEL
(Choir and congregation)

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

#*CALL TO WORSHIP *Rev. John White*

One: In the name of the Lord Jesus, the bread breaker, the light gatherer,
the cross carrier, welcome.

ALL: *May the peace of the Lord Jesus, the peace maker, the temple disturber,
the friend of the sinner, and companion on the road, be with us all.*

One: Let us draw close to the Lord Jesus, the savior, the healer,
the teacher, and worship him,

ALL: *and let us ask ourselves,
who do we say he is?*

TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

#*HYMN OF PRAISE: 39 *(Please stand at the introduction to the hymns)*
Great is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION *Rev. John White*

While we may yearn to be like Jesus, we know that in our self-centered choices,
our frantic lives, our impetuous words, we are too often like Peter.

But like him, we can confess Christ as our Lord, speaking of our need
for his saving presence in our lives.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you.
We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless.
We sit at the head of tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the
kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in
last place. In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those
melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we
have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and
Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks.*

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. John White

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us! By God's grace-filled sacrifice, we are forgiven!

ALL: *Thanks be to God, who forgives us and loves us even more than we love ourselves! Alleluia! Amen!*

#* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *(Hymn: 581)*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

TO GIVE THANKS, PETITION AND INTERCESSION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. John White

Jerry Callis Reaffirmation of Faith

Anita Callis Reaffirmation of Faith

Ali Mason Reaffirmation of Faith

*(sing in unison) Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(After the Time with Children, our young friends ages 4-2ND grade are invited to the Children's Church in the Education Building. An adult will escort the children. After church the children will be escorted to their appropriate Sunday School rooms. Grades 3-5 are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for worship.)

*HYMN: 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(p. 35 in front of hymnal)*

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. John White

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:9-11 (pg. 197)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Mark 8:27-31 (pg. 43-44)

Mark 8:34-9:1 (pg. 44)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

“It All Comes Down to This”

Rev. Ben Mathes

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Creed from Colossians 1:15-23

Rev. John White

One: Who is Jesus Christ?

ALL: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once we were alienated from God, but now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight. Thanks be to God!

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

ORGAN

Prelude on CRUSADER'S HYMN

Matthews

OFFERTORY

Dr. Terry McRoberts, organist

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. John White

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 269**

Lead On, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

***BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

Go Now in Peace
Summer Choir

Sleeth

***ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Postlude on “Coronation”

Payne

WE WELCOME the Rev. Ben Mathes to the pulpit today. As the Founder, previous Executive Director of ROW and an ordained Presbyterian minister, Ben has spent over 40 years serving others around the world and continues to help the second generation of Mission: Hope, by providing guidance, inspiration and his valuable time. Since 1978, Ben has worked on behalf of international health development, explorations and Christian missions all around the world. We are excited to have him back with us again today! Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for an informative joint Sunday school class with Ben.