



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – September 13, 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A special welcome to those visiting with us today!

We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship to be meaningful. For those of you worshipping with us in the Sanctuary this morning, please remember that masks are required to be worn at all times. Thank you for helping us all stay safe!

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* G. Winston Cassler

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT *Praise Ye the Lord* LOBE DEN HERREN
Sanctuary Singers arr. W. P. Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalms 65:1-2*

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

People: O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) Barbara Namminga

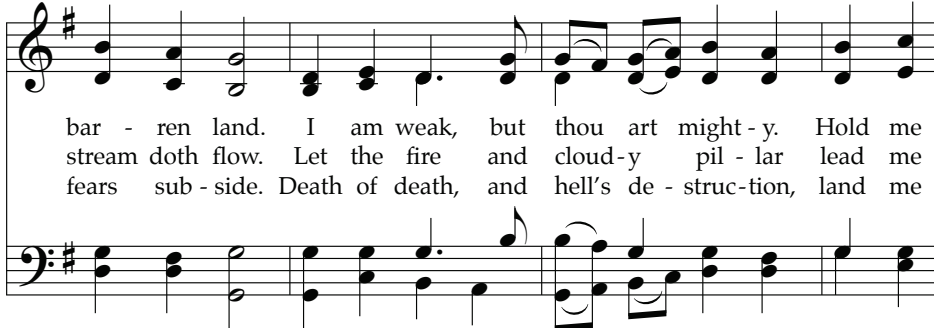
God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION


Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You care about us even when we do not love ourselves. We see so dimly and hear your word so faintly that we doubt your truth. We dare not trust the prophets or risk the cost of discipleship. We are afraid to believe, hope, and endure when there is suffering all around us. O God, grant us courage to change, to follow Jesus in spite of ridicule and rejection. (silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

To this peace we are called as members of a single body.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

We Proclaim God's Word

DISCOVERY TIME

Sean Smith

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Awake, My Heart

Jane M. Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, thy maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; Thy word my nurture, given to bring me on toward heaven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:19-31 (pg. 61)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

Still, Still with Thee

John Ness Beck

Cady Lewis, soprano

arr. Craig Courtney

Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh, when the bird wakens, and the shadows flee; Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight, dawns the sweet consciousness, "I am with Thee." When sinks the soul, subdued by toil to slumber, its closing eyes look up to Thee in prayer; Sweet the repose beneath Thy wings overshadowing, but sweeter still to wake and find Thee there. So shall it be at last in that bright morning, when the soul wakens, and life's shadows flee; O in that moment, fairer than daylight dawning, shall rise the glorious thought, "I am with Thee. Still, still with Thee."

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35 (pg. 20)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Unforgiving Servant

Rev. John McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*HYMN 444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Father, We Thank Thee

Richard Peek

*PRESENTATION HYMN

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 444

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am)
Dm Gm Dm F Am Dm



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.

(F) (Em) (C) (Dm) (Em)(Am)
B \flat Am F Gm Am Dm



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Few petitions of the Lord's Prayer are as difficult to pray as this one, and we would not dare to pray it if we had to depend on ourselves rather than the example of forgiveness we are given in Jesus Christ. The shape note tune sets these words with appropriate sparseness.

TEXT: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969, 1983, alt.

MUSIC: *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; harm. Margaret W. Mealy, 1985

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DETROIT

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We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Dear Christians, one and all rejoice

Gottfried August Homilius

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mrs. Marlonna T. Pitts upon the death of her husband, Robert B. "Bob" Pitts, on September 2, 2020. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on October 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Please keep Marlonna and the family in your prayers during this time of loss.

Upcoming Events

Abigail Circle Meeting — Tuesday, September 15 | 6:30 p.m.

Abigail Circle will meet via Zoom this month! Please contact Amanda Ogden (amanda.ogden1@gmail.com) or Blake Barrett (blake@fpcokc.org) if you have any questions.

Meeting ID: 847 7934 5417 | **Passcode:** 207463

KirkNight To-go — Wednesday, September 16 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.

KirkNight To-go is back! To order, call, text or email Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or jenn@junebugcatering.com. Meals will be available for pick-up from 4:30-5:30 p.m. by the ramp behind the kitchen.

Family Meal for 4-6: \$20 | Dessert \$5.00 | **Meal for 2:** \$10 | Dessert \$2.50

Menu: Baked Tacos, Black Beans, Cilantro Lime Rice and Churro Cheesecake

Yoga — Wednesday, September 16 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Yoga is back on Wednesdays! It will take place in the courtyard (or Watchorn Hall, if there's bad weather). Social distancing will be observed. No sign-up or payment required.

Fall Face Mask Fashion Show

There's still time to be a part of the Fall Face Mask Fashion Show! Pick a mask up on Sunday morning in the Sanctuary or stop by the church office during business hours.

Once you've finished decorating, take one picture of your smiling face and another of your smiling face behind your newly-created, fashionable face mask. Text the pictures to Pastor John (405-420-6383) or email blake@fpcokc.org by **September 27**.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords and single notes, providing a sturdy foundation for the vocal melody. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with line numbers 1 and 2 indicating the two verses.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.