



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – July 18, 2021 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE *The Good Shepherd* Max Lyall

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE
DEACON'S MOMENT John Ellis

INTROIT *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER
Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Before the majesty of God, we gather to worship. In quiet expectation, we come to hear God's promises.

People: This is where we belong. This is where God will feed our deepest hunger.

Leader: Before God's strength and power, we bow down; in eager anticipation, we listen for God's word.

People: Before the mercy of God, we lift our hearts. Direct us now in the path you would have us go.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age* WAREHAM

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) Bret Sholar

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. (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

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23:1-6 (pg. 501)

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

SOLO

The Holy City

F. E. Weatherly and Stephen Adams

Mitchell Gage, baritone

Last night as I lay sleeping there came a dream so fair. I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there; I heard the children singing, and, ever as they sang, I thought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang. Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing: Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King! And then I thought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang. Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang; the sun grew dark with mystery; the morn was cold and chill as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. Jerusalem! Hark how the angels sing: Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King! And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be. I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea; the light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide, and all who would might enter and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day, it was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away. Jerusalem! Sing for the night is over! Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna forevermore!

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (pg. 103)

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

SERMON

Healing

Rev. John C. 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 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

The Lord is my shepherd

Howard Goodall

Elaine Chard, piano; John L. Edwards, whistles

169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

*Or "Dear Lord, Creator good and kind"

These stanzas were carved into a hymn from a much longer poem describing a frenzied ritual by an obscure sect in India, but they culminate in a reference to 1 Kings 19:11–12 that celebrates silence (as befits a Quaker poet). This tune was created especially for these words.

*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

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 824

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

MC AFEE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

In Pastures Green

Fred Bock

The rosebud on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Whittaker Dean Hawkins, born July 15, 2021. Congratulations to parents Madelaine and Mike Hawkins, sister Ellie, and grandparents Jim and Ginnie Tack!

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest 824

Near to the Heart of God

1 There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
 2 There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
 3 There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,

a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.
 a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,

hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

A Presbyterian campus pastor and choir director in Missouri wrote this simple but moving hymn in response to the death of two young nieces from diphtheria. By distilling such personal grief into the shared assurances of faith, these words have brought comfort to many.

Today

Sunday School | 9:30 a.m.

This summer, two Sunday school classes are meeting in person and via Zoom.

- **Evergreen Class (B-14) | Meeting ID: 834 6346 0747 | Passcode: 023151**
- **New Beginnings (212 /Fireside Room) | Meeting ID: 817 3543 3278 | Passcode: 531483**

Coffee Fellowship | 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship has resumed in the Reception Center. Please join us for refreshment for the body and soul prior to worship. Coffee will also be available in the narthex.

Nursery | 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to our youngest disciples! We are delighted you and your parents are here. A nursery is provided in Room 119 for children four and under, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Children are always welcome in worship too!

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

The Urban Mission Golf Tournament – Monday, July 19 | 8:00 a.m.

Help support a worthy cause at The Urban Mission Golf Tournament! Registration is \$100 per player, which includes green fees, cart, lunch and prizes. You can register online at <https://tinyurl.com/urbanmissiongolf>. **Registering at the door will also be accepted.**

Other opportunities, such as sponsoring a hole, exist for those wishing to participate without playing. Please email contact@urbanmissionokc.org for more information.