



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 4, 2021, 10:30 A.M.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our hope in this season of COVID-19 is that all who worship virtually feel welcome and a sense of God's love through Jesus Christ.

### FOR WORSHIP

Today's Scripture readings remind us that true power comes only from God. David is anointed King over Israel because he is blessed with God's favor. The Apostle Paul beautifully describes one of the profound truths of the Cross – that our power is made perfect in weakness. In the Gospel reading, Jesus calls us into a radical dependence on him when he sends his disciples out with only a staff, tunic, and sandals. This combination of radical dependence and humble faith invites the Holy Spirit to bring divine power into our everyday lives.

### PRELUDE

Festival Fanfare and Prelude on "God of Our Fathers"

J. Wayne Kerr

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Emma Lou Diemer

Janice Robison, Organist

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Robert Martin

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Andrew Stuart

*L: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!*

**P: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

*L: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.*

**P: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.**

*L: Let us worship God!*

### \*HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we are quick to criticize, quick to judge, quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same grace we receive from you. We hold ourselves up as superior and fail to address the patterns of dominance we perpetuate. Forgive us, God. Help us seek understanding and compassion. Help us accept the love you offer us and share your love with others. Amen.**

### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*L: Friends, believe the good news.*

**P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### \*Gloria Patri - 579

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 and Amen.

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Barbara Martin

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

American Hymn tune/arr. Mark Hayes

Véronique Shaftel, mezzo-soprano

*Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;*

*Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise!*

*Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;*

*Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it: name of God's redeeming love.*

*Hitherto Thy love hast blest me; Thou hast brought me to this place.*

*And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.*

*Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;*

*He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!*

*Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.*

*Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;*

*Here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.*

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

*Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit and kindle in the hearts of us who hear your word your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 48 (page 518 in pew Bible)  
Mark 6: 1-13 (page 40 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Stuart  
Rev. Martin

*L. This is the Word of the Lord!*

**P: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*They Know Me Too Well*

Rev. Robert Martin

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Martin

*On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Inspired by your generosity towards us, we return these gifts to you, O God. May our offering today spread the hope of Jesus Christ to those most in need. Amen.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*L: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were then opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.*

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*L: The Lord be with you.*

**P: And also with you.**

*L: Lift up your hearts.*

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

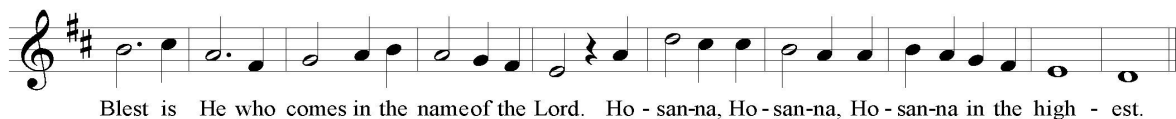
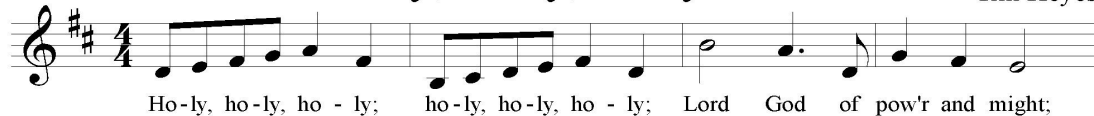
*L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*L: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people. You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. From worlds apart, you gathered us together. When we go astray, you welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Tim Keyes



**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.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

All: Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\***HYMN 564**

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

\***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Freedom Fanfare in D Major*  
Janice Robison, Organist

Charles Ore

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**Danny Moates - Deacon of the Month - a friend to phone in time of need**  
740-592-4064 or moates@ohio.edu  
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Liturgist - Andrew Stuart  
Ushers - Joyce Beauvais and Danny Moates

**Organ Recital**  
**Following the Worship Service today**

Janice Robison will play an organ recital today, immediately following the worship service. The music will be in celebration of the 4th of July holiday. All are invited to stay for this thirty-minute recital.

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**National Ice Cream Sunday**  
**July 18th**

You are invited to a sidewalk ice cream fellowship following the Worship Service

**YouTube Services**  
**Live on Sunday Mornings**

FPC's worship services can be found on YouTube channel here:  
[https://www.youtube.com/user/athensfpc/search?query=sermon.](https://www.youtube.com/user/athensfpc/search?query=sermon)

You can access them directly on the FPC YouTube channel and on the church web site under Worship Archive.

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