



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FOR WORSHIP

In Mark's gospel, Jesus stills the chaotic waters during a windstorm, revealing his power over creation and calming his terrified disciples. Christian faith is full of the unexpected as God often uses the most unlikely of people and unpromising of situations to build our faith.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to First, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At First, it is our hope that all who enter find a home.

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 of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
Meditation on "How Great Thou Art"
Janice Robison, organist

Raymond Haan
Janet Linker

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Robert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Lois Harkins

L: The Lord is the everlasting God, creator of the ends of the earth.

P: God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.

L: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

P: They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

L: Let us worship God together.

*HYMN 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

**1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist Harkins

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.**

We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive us and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and follow your way; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Robert Martin

ANTHEM

Aria (arranged for clarinet)

Eugene Boza

Michelle Camargo, clarinet

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Liturgist Harkins

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace not only to hear, but to live out your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 9: 9-20 (page 493 in pew Bible)
Mark 4: 35-41 (page 39 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Harkins

Rev. Martin

L. This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

From Fear to Faith

Rev. Martin

***HYMN 562**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

The sermon is a reflection on the day's scriptures, suggesting implications for our faith and life.

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

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Martin

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY *It Is Well With My Soul*
Janice Robison, Organist

Wilbur Held

***DOXOLOGY** *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.*

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 OF DEDICATION** (unison) Liturgist Harkins
Holy God, you are always with us, and everything we have is yours. Take these gifts, and guide us to use them to do your will and your work. Amen.

***HYMN 276** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS
**1 *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
**Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Postludium* Gordon Young
Janice Robison, organist

~~~~~  
**Deacon of the Month of June - Nancy Hartley**  
740-677-3104- angelcollector56@gmail.com - *A friend to phone with joys or concern*  
Ushers: Bobbi Conliffe and Harold Robison  
Chancel Prep: Harold Robison  
Fellowship Hour: Wendy Toadvine and Nancy Hartley  
~~~~~

Organ Recital – June 30th immediately following worship our own Janice Robison will present an organ recital in celebration of the 4th of July. All are invited to stay for this 30 minute recital.

Sunday School during Worship. If you have questions or would like to help with a class, please contact Barb Martin at barbaramartin729@msn.com or the church office at 740-593-3351. Lesson plans and materials will be provided for all volunteer teachers. Class sizes are usually small in number.

Make a Joyful Noise Music Camp - July 22-26, 2024 and July 29-31, 2024 - School Age Children Camp runs from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, all levels of music experience will be welcome. Register at the church office, 9 N. College Street, or call the church office at (740) 593-3351. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. Instruction by Lara Suer, voice and piano teacher in Athens.

Women's Book Study - Join the Women's Book Study on Fridays at noon via Zoom beginning **September 6th, 2024** as we discuss *Beguiled by Beauty: Cultivating a Life of Contemplation and Compassion* by Wendy Farley. For more information or to join, please contact the church office at 740-593-3351 or Joan Nease at christianed@athensfpc.org

Presbyterian Women - We will resume Bible Study September 18th, location to be announced. Usually we meet at The Plains Library or the clubhouse at Wingate in The Plains. We often carpool so a ride is usually available. Study title for 2024-2025 in *Let Justice Roll: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creatures*. Lesson 1 is based on scripture from Ezekiel. If you would like a study book, please let the church office know by July 31st. The cost of the book is \$10.00 plus shipping. For more information, call Martha Johnson at (740) 677-0034. Everyone is welcome!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat! Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Come and support our own David Tadlock, musical director, and former Genesis Theater member, Anna Caldwell as the narrator. We will carpool to Marietta from the church following worship on the 23rd. Since there are no group ticket sales at the People's Bank Theater, you can go online and purchase your tickets for the Sunday performance.

Save The Date - Green information coming soon, save the date! On July 14th after Fellowship Hour there will be a presentation on plastics, how plastics impact disadvantaged communities and everyone's health. Come on the 14th and test your knowledge on plastics and learn how to reduce your exposure to plastic chemicals and microplastics.

Weekly Worship Service can be seen live on Sunday Morning
FPC's worship services can be found on YouTube channel here:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/athensfpc/search?query=sermon>
You can access them on the FPC YouTube channel and on the church web site under
Worship Archive.

Minister: Rev. Dr. Robert E. Martin
CE Coordinators: Richard and Joan Nease
Organist: Janice Robison
Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart
Administrative Assistant: Debbie Perry
Bell Choir Director: Anna Crum
Choir Director: Dr. David Tadlock

Athens First Presbyterian Church Office - 9 North College Street, Athens, OH 45701
Phone - 740/593-3351 Fax - 740/593-3351 Office Mobile - 220/252-6500 E-Mail - office@athensfpc.org
Web - www.athensfpc.org
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/fpcathensoh>
Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/fpcathensoh/>
Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/c/FirstPresbyterianChurchAthensOH/>