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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day with World Communion

October 3, 2021

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Children are welcome and encouraged to remain in Worship. If needed, Nursery (in Room 8) is available for children under 3. Please ask an usher or greeter if you need any assistance locating the Nursery.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Meditation in G S. Peberdy

Choral Introit This is the Day D. Moore

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn #316: Breathe on Me, Breath of God** Trentham

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not always loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not always listen. You ask us to love, but we often walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We even condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent to you in spirit and truth, admit our sins, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone, and a new life has begun.

All: **In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #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, Amen.*

*Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to

repent and believe the gospel. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Offertory Anthem

Day by Day

M. How

*Day by day, dear Lord, of the three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

(pew Bible NT, p. 218)

"Not All This Is Me"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating World Communion

Minute for Stewardship and Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

How Great Thou Art

S. K. Hine

Russ Hovda, Soloist

*Oh Lord, my God When I, in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee! How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee! How great Thou art, how great Thou art
When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.
When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"*

*Doxology

Hymn #592

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

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #324: Open My Eyes That I May See

Open My Eyes

*Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.*

*Refrain: Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes (ears, heart), illumine me,
Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear. (Refrain)*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share. (Refrain)*

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Twofold Amen

Dresden

Postlude

Psalm 19

B. Marcello

Worship Leader: Bianca Childress

Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the family of Margaret Hughes Waters, in celebration of her 100th birthday.

Upcoming *Worship and Music* Opportunities:

Outside Worship with Singing and Praise- Next Sunday @ 8:30 a.m. - Front Parking Lot

Service of Singing and Praise- Next Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary, Video, Radio

Chancel Ringers- Rehearsal on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. - 2nd Floor Gathering Room

Chancel Choir- Rehearsal on Thursdays from 7:15 to 9 pm- Choir Room, Sundays from 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. - Sanctuary

First Pres Presents: Farewell to the Organ Recital - Saturday, October 16 @ 4 pm- Sanctuary

First Pres Presents: The King's Singers - Friday, February, 25, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. – Sanctuary. Ticket sales begin October 1 on-line at www.fpclly.org, in person and over the phone at (434) 384-6231 for congregation, open to the public on October 15. Get your tickets early!

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Interested in growing closer to God and others? How about learning more about FPCLY?

We believe we are here to worship, grow, love, and serve. We welcome any opportunities to build relationships with one another and would love to walk alongside you in God's gift of life. Conversations, coffee, and/or church tours can be arranged by calling or emailing Peter at the church office (434) 384-6231, peter@fpclly.org.

Opportunities to *Grow*:

Adult Bible Class- Sunday mornings, 9:15 to 10:10 a.m. beginning September 12

Leaders are Beth and Gary Williams

Study sources include Scripture and *Unshakable Hope: Building our Lives on the Promises of God* by Max Lucado. (Zoom Option)

Exploring God through Art (6-week workshop)- Sunday evenings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

WORKSHOP FULL

Walk with God - Sunday evenings in September, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Leaders are Noel and Bob Thomas
Devotion and 45-minute walk on Peakland Place- All level of walkers welcome!!!

Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Oct. 7) and Immerse Bible Study (Oct. 6) will not meet this Week
Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

Opportunities to *Love*:

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for October: Sheila Modjeska (434) 384-2021 and Sue Thornton (434) 384-5299

Prayer Chain, Prayer Shawls, Cards of Encouragement: Email peter@fpclly.org or stroudiane@comcast.net

Opportunities to *Serve*:

Presbyterian Cemetery Clean-up: Help prepare this sacred space in celebration of Veterans' Day.
Saturday, October 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Contact Noel Thomas if interested.

Food for Thought Packing Event: Saturday, October 23 @ 9:30 a.m. @ The Plaza, Contact Gary Williams if interested.

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