

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

*(In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

*(Please remain seated for the Gathering Hymns)*

WELCOME AND GATHERING HYMNS

Mindy Douglas  
Hanson Place

Hymn No. 375 (verses 1,2,3)      *Shall We Gather at the River*  
*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,*  
*with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?*

Refrain: *Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;*  
*Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,*  
*we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (Refrain)*

*Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;*  
*Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)*

Hymn No. 396 (verses 1, 2)      *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*  
*Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.*  
*Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?*  
*All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.*  
*Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*Holy Manna*

*Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.*  
*Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?*  
*Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.*  
*Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Isaiah 55:12)*

Mindy Douglas

Leader: For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;  
People: **The mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**  
All: **Let us worship God.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 837      *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*  
*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;*  
*What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Showalter*

Refrain: *Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;*  
*Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;*  
*O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?*  
*I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)*

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

Mindy Douglas

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Silent Confession

Response (Hymn No. 835, verses 1,2)

*Closer Walk*

Refrain: *Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.* (Refrain)

*Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.* (Refrain)

Declaration of Pardon

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Carl and Lisa Rist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Great and glorious God, in your wisdom you created us, and through your Holy Spirit you guide and sanctify us. Give us breath to sing of your majesty, and with all creation, praise you as the true life of all; through Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God forever. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 65:1-13

(Pew Bible, OT, Page 528)

Isaiah 51:1-6, 11

(Pew Bible, OT, Page 681)

**AFFIRMATION**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

People: **I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**HYMN NO. 22** (verses 1,2,3,6)

*God of the Sparrow*

*Roeder*

*God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars*

*How does the creature say Awe*

*How does the creature say Praise*

*God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast*

*How does the creature cry Woe*

*How does the creature cry Save*

*God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave*

*How does the creature say Grace*

*How does the creature say Thanks*

*God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart*

*How do your children say Joy*

*How do your children say Home*

HYMN NO. 37 (verses 1,4)

*Let All Things Now Living*

*Ash Grove*

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.*

*By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-6

Sam Miglarese

AFFIRMATION

Sam Miglarese

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten 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.**

HYMN NO. 145 (verses 1,2)

*What Child Is This*

*Greensleeves*

*What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!*

*Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!*

\*HYMN NO. 630 (verses 1,3,4)

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Crusaders' Hymn*

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!*

(Please *stand* as you are able.)

\*HYMN NO. 157 (verses 1,3,5)

*I Danced in the Morning*

*Lord of the Dance*

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

Refrain: *Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high.  
I am the life that will never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)*

(Children through 1st grade enter during "The Peace.")

\*THE PEACE

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Marilyn Hedgpeth

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;

People: **You make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy, O God.**

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

**... 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.**

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Instrumental Voluntary

High Clouds

\*Doxology (Hymn No. 645, verse 1)

*Mit Freuden Zart*

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God Most High, by your Word you created a wondrous universe, and through your Spirit you breathed into it the breath of life. Accept creation's hymn of praise from our lips, and let the praise that is sung in heaven resound in the heart of every creature on earth, to the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 8:9-11

Mark McHugh

**AFFIRMATION**

Mark McHugh

Leader: Do you believe in in the Holy Spirit?

People: **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 NO. 300** (verses 1,4)

*We Are One in the Spirit They'll Know We Are Christians*

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

Refrain: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise the Creator, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**\*HYMN NO. 66**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

*Pentecost*

Refrain: *Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

*Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

*Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)*

*Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.*

*There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back. (Refrain)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 804** (verses 1,2)

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

*Marion*

***Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.***

Refrain: ***Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!***

***With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. (Refrain)***

**\*POSTLUDE**

*I'll Fly Away*

Albert E. Brumley

arr. by L. M. Bowles & Theo. R. Frye

***Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll (fly away) fly away. (fly away.)***

***To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll (fly away) fly away. (fly away.)***

Refrain: ***I'll (fly away) fly away, oh glory, I'll (fly away) fly away. (in the morning.)***

***When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll (fly away) fly away.***

***When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll (fly away) fly away. (fly away.)***

***Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll (fly away) fly away. (fly away.)*** (Refrain)

Following worship today, **Peter Fish** will be in the foyer inscribing History books. The book's cost is \$25 if you wish to purchase a copy.

Everyone is invited to a **picnic style lunch following worship today** as we continue in fellowship under our beautiful crepe myrtles! High Clouds will provide more homegrown music! Barbecue, slaw, tofu, and beverages will be available along with side dishes provided by our members. If it's too hot for you outside, come inside to Watts-Hill Hall.

**First Presbyterian Church** welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the **Ritual of Friendship pad**, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On July 9, we welcomed 38 visitors to worship.

This morning we welcome the group "**High Clouds**," which specializes in New England and Southern Fiddle tunes. **Steve Luteman** plays an acoustic guitar and **Maria Hernandez** plays the fiddle. We thank them for sharing their musical gifts with us as we sing some favorite hymns of our members.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God by **Alice Raney** in memory of her husband, **Thomas Blount Fuller Raney**.

**Nursery care** for children 3–6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. After the sermon is delivered, these children join worship for the remainder of service. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery. There is a **changing table** in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary. **Worship bags and activity bulletins** are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex which young children can read and enjoy if they need to take a break from the worship service.

**Hearing Assistance Receivers** are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

Portions of **today's worship texts** were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship*, *The Worship Sourcebook*, *The New National Baptist Hymnal*, and *Glory to God* (Presbyterian Hymnal).

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Committee summaries and staff reports are due in the church office by **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. Contact Valerie (v.mcmillian@firstpres-durham.org) if you need assistance in completing your report.

### **Making Disciples: Called to Teach**

Do you feel called to join the teaching and spiritual formation ministry of FPC? We always have openings for new teachers in our Sunday morning program. Teacher recruitment is currently underway for the 2017-2018 year, and we are looking for four teachers for each class, so that adults can be on for two Sundays, and off for two Sundays. **We currently Sunday School need teachers for the 2-4's class, for the 3rd-5th grade Godly Play class (we will provide training), for the Middle School Class, and for the High School Class.** We have a good core of veteran teachers in each group, but need some new voices in these very important formative areas. If you feel so called to "make disciples" and influence young lives, please contact *Marilyn Hedgpeth* at: [m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org) or 919-682-5511.

### **Volunteering at Urban Ministries of Durham**

A HUGE thank you to all who have served with such enthusiasm over the last few months! We need volunteers as follows:

- **Thursday, July 27, lunch prep - two volunteers needed**
- **Friday, August 18, breakfast and lunch shifts - four volunteers needed each shift**
- **Thursday, August 24, lunch prep - four volunteers needed.**

**Summer is a great time for child(ren) to volunteer with an adult parent. Children must be at least 10 years old.** If you have been, or would like to begin volunteering to serve breakfast or prepare lunch bags, please contact *Margaret Rubiera*: [margaretmr29@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmr29@gmail.com).

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### **Our Joys**

Congratulations to *Brian and Jeanette Castle*, who are in Florida this month securing the adoption of their new son, **Ezekiel "Zeke" Boone Castle**, born June 25. His name, Ezekiel, means God strengthens, and Boone, means good, a blessing. Please pray for this new little family, that all goes well with Zeke's health and the pending adoption; and to *Jean and Chuck Wilson* on the birth of a grandson. *Asher Wilson* was born on July 7, joining his big sister *Mariah*. His parents are *Emily and Mike Wilson*.

Our sympathies to *Rosemary Seve* on the death of her brother, *Joshua Ngewa*, on July 7<sup>th</sup> in Kenya.

### **Our Concerns**

**Added this week:** *Perry Allen*, father of Amy Wilson, Hock Family Pavilion

**Atria Senior Living:** *Peggy Mordecai*, mother of Beth Eisenson

**Brookdale Senior Living (Durham):** *Julian Boswell*

**Croasdaile:** *Bette Conroy, Joanne Harrar, Bob Keever, Bob Rankin, Florence Shackelford*

**The Forest at Duke:** *Fran Bryant, Ken Goldner, Peaches McPherson*

**Family and Friends of FPC Members and Staff:**

*Tom Bowen*, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

*Claiborn Clark*, son of Arthur and Mary Clark

*Louise Dykes*, aunt of Will Chambliss

*Dell McMillian*, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: *Carl and Lisa Rist*

Narthex Greeter: *Alice Raney*

After Worship Greeters: *Carol Carson* (Side/font), *Barbara Buckley* (Rear/Narthex)

Ushers: *Mary-Jo Keenan* (head), *Christy Gudaitis* (flowers), *Dale Gaddis*, *Alissa Miles*, *Amy Sanchez*, *Deborah Hamlin-Aggrey*

**The Week at a Glance!**

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>After Worship:</b></p> <p><b>Myrtle Fest Picnic</b> in the courtyard under the crepe myrtles (weather permitting) with bluegrass music</p>	<p><b>Monday, July 17</b></p> <p align="center"><b>NOTE:</b> <b>Investment Sub-Committee meeting changed to July 24</b></p>	<p><b>Tuesday, July 18</b></p> <p align="center"><b>1:30 PM</b> Worship Planning</p> <p align="center"><b>2:30 PM</b> Program Staff</p> <p align="center"><b>6:30 PM</b> Finance Committee</p> <p align="center"><b>6:30 PM</b> “Conversation on Equity” at Chapel Hill Public Library</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, July 19</b></p> <p align="center"><b>6:00 PM</b> StepUp Board</p>
<p><b>Thursday, July 20</b></p> <p align="center"><b>6:30 PM</b> Day School Board</p>	<p><b>Friday, July 21</b></p> <p align="center"><b>7:00 - 8:30 AM / 9:30 -11:30 AM</b> FPC serving breakfast / preparing items for lunch bags at Urban Ministries Community Café</p>	<p><b>Saturday, July 22</b></p> <p align="center"><b>8 AM – Noon</b> Inside Workday</p>	<p><b>Sunday, July 23</b></p> <p align="center"><i><b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></i> <i>Youth leave for Montreat Conference</i></p> <p align="center"><b>9:45 AM</b> Summer Sunday School</p> <p align="center"><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship <i>New officers will be ordained and installed. The Hunger for Change Offering will be received</i></p> <p align="center"><b>4:00 PM</b> NAACP meeting (All welcome)</p>

**CHURCH STAFF**

*Tom Bloom*, Business Administrator  
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*Mindy Douglas*, Pastor/Head of Staff  
*Susan Dunlap*, Parish Associate  
*Sarah Finbow*, Youth Minister  
*Marilyn Hedgpeth*, Associate Pastor



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