

"Take Up Your Cross And Follow Me" by Raquel Lushenko
based on Mark 8:34-38

First Presbyterian Church

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, CONCERNS, AND OPENING PRAYER Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRELUDE *Come, Creator God, Holy Ghost* Johann Walther

INTROIT *Come, Host of Heaven's High Dwelling Place* St. Columba

*Come, host of heaven's high dwelling place, come earth's disputed guest;
Find in this house a welcome home, stay here and take your rest.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Psalm 24:1-2)* Sam Miglarese

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
People: **The world, and those who live in it:**
Leader: For he has founded it on the seas,
People: **And established it on the rivers.**
All: **Let us worship our triune God.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 331** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* National Hymn

***CONFESSION OF SIN** Sam Miglarese

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, you led men and women to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights and restricting freedoms. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong, and justifies injustice. Forgive divisions caused by prejudice or greed. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

COLLECT FOR THE DAY Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 4:1-4 (Pew Bible, OT Page 633)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*All who are able, please stand.

PSALM LESSON

Psalm 24

(Pew Bible, OT Page 502)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:34-38

(Pew Bible, NT Page 44)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“The Soul of a Nation”

Joseph Harvard

(A moment for meditation)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from A Declaration of Faith)

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle. We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

***HYMN NO. 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhondda

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during the final verse of the hymn.)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

(Children may rejoin their parents in the pews or return to childcare.)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Offertory Anthem

Lord, I Trust Thee

G.F. Handel

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee. Ah! Thou friend of all, restore me!

On thy loving grace relying, for the bread of life I'm sighing.

Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease, fill my heart with joy and endless peace.

When the breath of life has left me, may my soul be blended with thee.

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***THE PEACE**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Cheryl Henry

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

John Weicher

People: **God be with you.**

Leader: For God has been with all of God's people throughout the generations, from the beginning of time when God brought peace out of the chaos, to this day when God's hand of peace is needed in today's chaotic world.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: And also with family, friends, strangers, and enemies as we strive to find the kind of love that God has for us through Christ, even to the point of watching us betray that love, God's creation, and ourselves.

People: **Lift up your hearts.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts knowing that Christ did indeed rise from the dead to show that new life can be found even from the depths of pain and that God is with us always.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Take our hearts, God, so that we may trust you fully. During times of isolation, helplessness, and despair, help us to know that you are always holding us in the palm of your hand.

People: **Let us give thanks to God.**

Leader: For this meal which God has prepared, for it is the Spirit that comes upon this bread and this cup, that joins us one to another, sisters and brothers in Christ.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: To the God of love, joy, hope, and peace, now and always. We pray all of this in the name of the one Christ Jesus who taught us to pray...

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Cheryl Henry, John Weicher

Leader: On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and after giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying...

People: **“Take, eat, this is my body broken for you, do this in remembrance of me.”**

Leader: The same way he took the cup saying...

People: **“This is the cup of the new promise sealed in my blood for the forgiveness of sins.”**

Leader: For every time that you eat of this bread and drink of this cup, you proclaim the saving death of our Lord Jesus Christ, until he comes again.

All: **The gifts of God for the people of God.**

*THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. Note: gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.)

Communion Hymn No.509 (all sing) *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* *Holy Manna*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John Weicher

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

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.**

COMMISSIONING OF EMILY WILKINS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: In order to support and encourage you while you are apart from us, please allow us to pray for you:

People: **Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples, and by your Holy Spirit, you made us one church to serve you. Guard and protect Emily and the members of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship as they travel. Help them to notice and welcome the new things you are doing in the world, and to respect old things you keep and use. In their discernment, bring about what is best for us and for all people. As they meet our neighbors, let your Spirit so guide them that eyes are opened and hearts made aware of the earth as yours; as all people, all creatures, and all creation are part of the fullness thereof. Be with Emily in her going out and coming in, in the promise of your in-breaking kingdom. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 340

This Is My Song

Finlandia

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Joseph Harvard

*POSTLUDE

Prelude & Fugue in B flat

J. S. Bach

It's FPC's turn to be good guests. The second **Great Big Church Family Festival** will be held at Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church (3541 Rose of Sharon Rd, Durham) this evening from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The service projects will focus on helping our veterans. Supper will cost \$5 per individual or \$10 per family. Let's support our friends at Mt. Bethel by joining them for supper and staying to help with the service projects.

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 June 30, we welcomed 23 visitors to worship.

We welcome back to the pulpit today Joseph (Joe) S. Harvard, pastor emeritus of FPC. Joe served as pastor of this church from 1980 to 2013. He holds degrees from Yale Divinity School, the University of Basel in Switzerland, and Columbia Theological Seminary. Joe has been awarded numerous honors as a passionate advocate for social justice and racial reconciliation. His family at FPC includes wife *Carlisle Harvard*, daughter *Rebecca Harvard Barnes*, and granddaughters *Jenna and Maryn Leonard*.

The *flowers* today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Zenobia Teresa Cox Haislip, Ruth Roberson's* mother, born July 3, 1897.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Following "A Time with Children," children can remain in worship with their parents/guardians or return to the nursery. Childcare for infants – 2 years continues in the nursery for all of worship. 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 for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

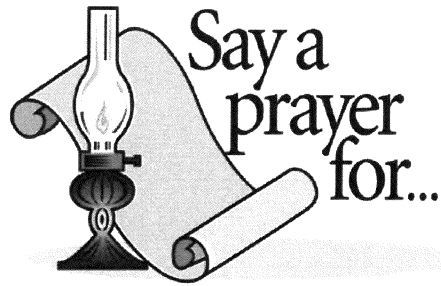
Portions of *today's worship texts* were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship* (2018) and *The WorshipBook*.

These Days devotional booklets for July – September 2019 are now available. Pick up a free copy, regular or large print, from the tables in the foyer or narthex, while supplies last.

Thursday, July 11

Benefit Concert for Vulnerable Immigrants

Allan Friedman and Judea Reform Congregation invite you to a benefit concert on Thursday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Judea Reform (1933 W. Cornwallis Rd., Durham). A similar event was held last year for Refugee Justice. Musicians from all around the Triangle will sing or play a song or two with all proceeds from the concert going to CWS-Durham and their work helping vulnerable immigrants in our community. The concert will feature a combination of songs from the Jewish tradition like *Hinei Mah Tov* and *Gesher Tzar M'od*, as well as songs in English supporting civil rights.



We extend our condolences to *Cathy and César Guajardo* and family. César's sister, *Carmen Guajardo*, died unexpectedly on June 30th in Monterey, Mexico.

Added this week:

Lee Ann Arrowood, daughter-in-law of Al and Judy Arrowood

Tom Bowen, friend of Al and Judy Arrowood

Drew Doll, friend of FPC (Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham staff member)

Phyllis Supple, recovering at home from a fall

Traveling mercies:

Annabelle Brown (Virginia)

Lenore Champion and *Laura McDow* (Indiana)

Mindy Douglas and *Tim O'Brien* (South Africa)

Emily Wilkins (Puerto Rico).

Home:

Judy Arrowood

Doug Butler

Harold Dunlap

Margaret Mubanga

Joseph Ngumi

Carolyn and Jim Wolfe

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: *Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bob Rankin*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Fran Alwood, mother of Jennie Alwood

Rebecca Aysque, friend of Christy Gudaitis

Boyce Brawley, twin brother of Robert Brawley

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss

Camilla Crampton, friend of Mal King

Dennis Hill, friend of FPC

Heath Huberg, friend of Kathy Parkins

Ngugi Mbugua, brother of Mary Gitata

Doug Neece, brother of Vernon Neece

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Bob Warren, father of Dawn Carsey

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

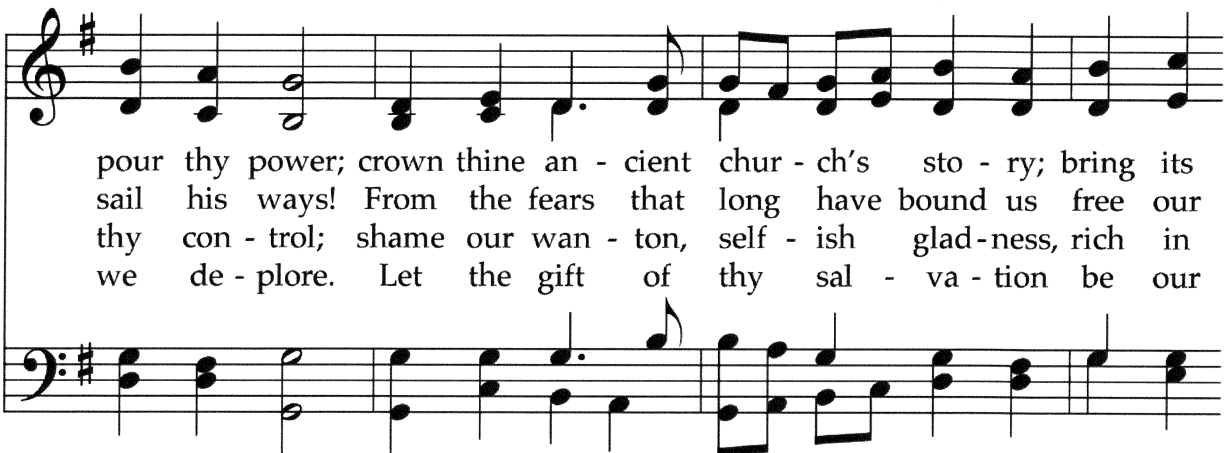
of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory



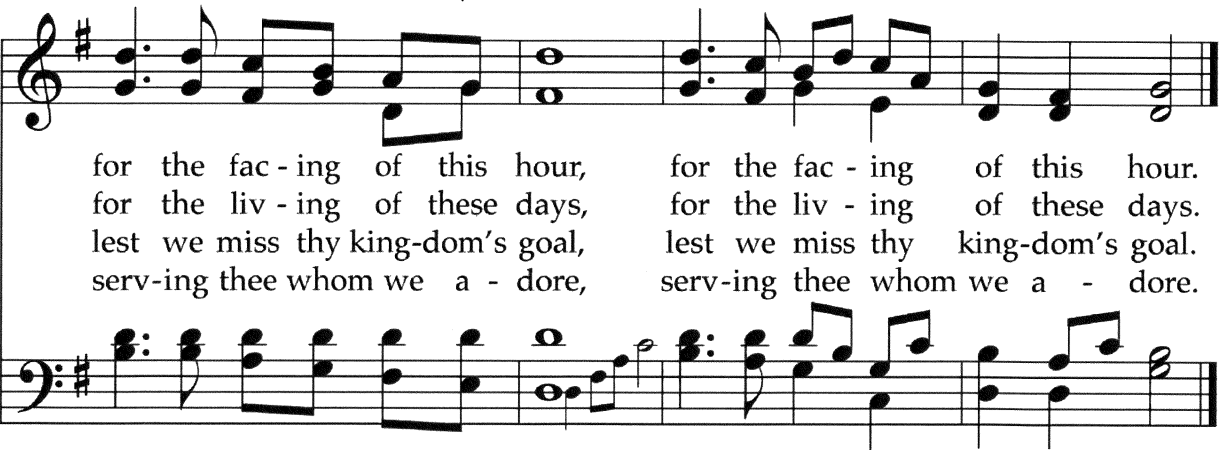
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



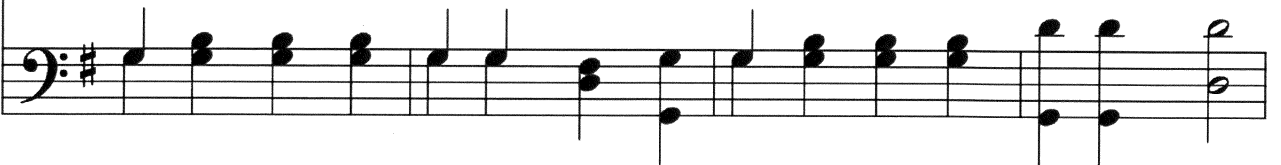
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.



This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgist: *Jennie Alwood*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

Ushers: *Katy Barron* (head), *Michael Honeycutt*

Communion Elders:

Head elder / replenish elements: *Alice Raney*

Bread: *Leah Graves* (B1/process), *Dawn Carsey* (B2), *Tyler Momsen-Hudson* (B3), *Chris Brown* (B4)

Cup: *Michael Honeycutt* (C1), *Andy Henry* (C2/process), *Luke Everett* (C3), *Laura McDow* (C4)

Shepherds: *Carol Carson* (pulpit aisle), *Amy Wilson* (center aisle), *Sharon Hirsch* (font aisle)

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today</p> <p>After Worship: FPC Racial Equity Task Force</p> <p>5:30 – 7:30 PM Great Big Church Family Festival at Mt. Bethel PC</p>	<p>Monday, July 8</p> <p>9:00 AM – Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p>6:30 PM Service and Mission Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 9</p> <p><i>Newsletter today!</i></p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>5:00 PM Youth at Pelican's SnoBalls</p> <p>7:00 PM Book Group at the home of Caroline Pritchett</p>	<p>Wednesday July 10</p> <p>6:00 PM Stewardship Committee (at Durham CO-OP Market)</p> <p>No Bell Choir</p> <p>No Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, July 11</p> <p>9:00 AM – Noon Walk-in Ministry Client Interviews</p> <p>6:30 PM Youth Room Creative Masterpiece Project</p> <p>7:30 PM Benefit Concert for CWS-Durham (at Judea Reform located at 1933 W. Cornwallis Rd)</p>	<p>Friday, July 12</p>	<p>Saturday, July 13</p>	<p>Sunday, July 14 <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:45 AM Summer Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Service of Healing and Wholeness</p> <p>2:00 – 4:00 PM Triangle Shape Note Choir</p>

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