

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

Have Mercy on Us, O Lord
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

J.S. Bach
J. Wayne Kerr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus *Spiritual*, arr. Richard Billingham

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 49:8-16a)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Sing for joy, heavens and earth;

People: **break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

Leader: Our creator has comforted the people

People: **and will have compassion for the ones who are suffering.**

Leader: Come out! The imprisoned shall have freedom.

People: **Show yourselves! Those who live in darkness will see the light of day.**

Leader: God will feed you and protect you; God will guide you and ease your way.

People: **Glory be given to our Protector because God will never forget us;**
We are inscribed in the palm of God's hands!

Leader: Sing for joy!

People: **The Comforter has love and compassion for us.**

HYMN (sung to *Germany*)

*Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.*

*In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.*

*Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
Till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to Confession

Natalie Wolf

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God,

**in your love you created all people in rich diversity
and called us to live together as one human family.**

We have failed, however, to be the people you called us to be.

We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have supported systems that celebrate and reward whiteness

while ensuring that people of color remain in bondage and under oppression.

Lord have mercy.

**Forgive us for our silence in the face of unjust hierarchical systems,
hate speech, and violence against your children.**

Set us free from arrogance and defensiveness

that lead us to neglect the cries of peoples long silenced.

Open our hearts

that we might share the love you have for all humanity.

Open our ears

that we might hear one another without bitterness and defensiveness.

Open our mouths

that we might speak truth and bear witness to the wrongs

that keep us from being the beloved community.

You are our God.

Give us strength and courage to be your people.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response (sung to *Germany*)

***The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.***

***O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again.***

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear,
and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!****SERMON**

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SOLO*Give Me Jesus*
Caleb Conner, soloist*Spiritual*, arr. Moses Hogen***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the *Confession of Belhar*)

Natalie Wolf

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

John Weicher

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(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.**

HYMN*How Long, O God, Will My Prayers Be in Vain?**Land of Mercy*

- 1 How long, O God, will my prayers be in vain? Why must I
- 2 When e - vil pros-pers and hope is long gone, do not for-
- 3 Ear - ly and late will my tongue sing your praise; you will up-



lan - guish in sor - row and pain? Do not a - ban - don a
 sake me, your pres - ence with - drawn. Shield and pro - tect those who
 hold me the length of my days. You are a strong - hold for



child you have made; you are my shel - ter, my so - lace and shade.
 call on your name; you are my God, and your bless - ing I claim.
 all the op - pressed; hear us, O God! Let your peo - ple be blessed.

CLOSING PRAYER (Christina Rossetti 1830-1894)

Mindy Douglas

- Leader: The Lord be with you.
- People: **And also with you.**
- Leader: As the wind is your symbol,
- People: **so forward our goings.**
- Leader: As the dove,
- People: **so launch us heavenwards.**
- Leader: As water,
- People: **so purify our spirits.**
- Leader: As a cloud,
- People: **so abate our temptations.**
- Leader: As dew,
- People: **so revive our languor.**
- Leader: As fire,
- People: **so purge out our dross. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Spiritual, arr. Robert Powell

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. 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. On June 7, 108 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

Portions of **today's worship texts** were taken from *Feasting on the Word, Glory to God* hymnal (music reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926) and *Book of Common Worship* (1993).

Thanks to **Caleb Conner** for providing the solo. Caleb is a child of the church (son of **Kathy Conner**) and just graduated from Haverford College. We are so pleased that he was able to record this for us while he was visiting in Durham.

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell**, **Pat Dillon**, and **John Weicher** for their “behind the scenes” technical assistance, making our virtual worship broadcasts possible and accessible to us each Sunday morning.

Church staff will continue working from home until at least the end of June. If you need assistance, you may call the church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message, or email a specific staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls and emails.

Children and Youth – Are you Connected? If you are not receiving a separate weekly email connecting you to FPC activities and events for children and youth, contact [Natalie Wolf](#) or [John Weicher](#) to be added to the list.

~ Celebrations and Concerns ~

Congratulations:

Chuck and Linda Barenchi are happy to announce the birth of their first great grandchild. **Adaline Nell Barenchi** was born June 8th to their grandson **Austin** and his wife, **Melany Barenchi**.

Condolences:

The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Kathy Krahenbuhl** on the death of her sister, **Dawn Fitts**, on June 8th.

Concerns:

Jennie and Ian Belle whose home was struck by a stray bullet last week

Jennie Bodkin, sister of Mindy Douglas

Roxana Boyd's grandfather

Tony Brown, recovering from hip surgery

Randy A. Howard, FPC Facebook friend having surgery on Wednesday of this week

Rhys Huslage, son of Erin McClain and Kirk Huslage

Margaret Mubanga

Mercy Ndambiri

Rob Parker, recovering from a bicycle accident

Julia Wigger, recovering from knee surgery

Hospice Care:

Ruth Buck, mother of Susan Buck

Camilla Crampton, companion of Mal King

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell**, **Becky Crockett**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**, **Henderson Rourk**

Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): **Arthur Clark**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr**, **Ann Prospero**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Durham: **Jean Lazarides**

Strategic Behavioral Health, Garner: **Phillip Herndon**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Ken Chambliss, father of Will Chambliss and **Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

Paula Cope, sister of Sam Miglarese

Becky Evans (sister) and **Doug Neece** (brother) of Vernon Neece

Dolores Ewald, mother-in-law of Susan Ewald

Shannon Johnson, daughter of Mary Putman

Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey

Lee Tubbs, mother of Nora Tisdale



You are invited to join FPC online for evening prayer on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook. You do not need to have a Facebook account to participate. Simply go online to FPC's Facebook page or use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/Firstpresdurham/> each Thursday at 8 p.m. If you are asked to create an account, just ignore and click on the video.

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