FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

June 17, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRELUDE Sonata, Op. 65, No. 2—Adagio

Mendelssohn

Joseph Robinson, oboe; Ben Maxwell, cello

*Introit

To Give Our Thanks

The Union Harmony, Virginia

To give our thanks unto the Lord, it is a lovely thing. And to your Name, O Lord Most High, our praises loudly sing.

To you, O God, we owe a debt for your gift from above. Moved by our gratitude and joy, we share your steadfast love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Vanessa Armstrong

Leader: The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth;

People: It grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, Leader: And the birds of the air make nests in its shade.

People: Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

All: Thanks be to God.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

*CONFESSION OF SIN (remain standing)

Sarah Finbow

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith.

People: Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules.

It's hard to live by faith.

Leader: You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction.

People: Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view.

It's hard to live by faith.

Leader: You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love.

People: Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away.

It's hard to live by faith.

Leader: Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

People: Forgive us for playing God instead of accepting our humanity.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

^{*}Those who are able, please stand.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Torrell Armstrong

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People: Leader:

Let us pray.

A11:

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith, and hope, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

(Pew Bible, OT Page 784)

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 548

May God Support You All Your Days (Psalm 20)

Dickinson College

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

(Pew Bible, NT Page 181)

Leader: People:

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

(Pew Bible, NT Page 38)

Leader: People:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Surprising Growth

Sam Miglarese

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Sarah Finbow

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

*HYMN No. 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

*THE PEACE

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader:

The peace of Christ be with you.

People:

And also with you.

(Children through 1st grade enter during The Peace)

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Marilyn Hedgpeth

(Following "A Time with Children," children may join their parents in the pews or return to the nursery.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Marilyn Hedgpeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

People: May he send us help from the sanctuary, and give us support from Zion.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: Our Father, which art in heaven:

People: Hallowed be thy name.

Leader: Thy kingdom come: thy will be done;

People: Hallowed be thy name.
Leader: On earth as it is in heaven:
People: Hallowed be thy name.

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread;

People: Hallowed be thy name.
Leader: And forgive us all our debts,
People: Hallowed be thy name.
Leader: As we forgive our debtors:

People: Hallowed be thy name.

Leader: And lead us not into temptation:

People: Hallowed be thy name.
Leader: But deliver us from evil:
People: Hallowed be thy name.

Leader: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory:

People: **Hallowed be thy name.** Leader: Forever and ever. Amen:

People: Hallowed be thy name. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

It is Good to Give Thanks

Jane Marshall

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to thy name, O most high.

To declare thy love in the morning, and thy faithfulness by night,

To the music of the lute and the harp, the melody of the lyre.

For thou, Lord, hast made us glad by thy work.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to thy name, O most high,

*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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Amen.

All: Life-giving God, we know that you will accomplish everything you desire. Accept, we

pray, these offerings from our hands. May they contribute to what you are doing so that

life may flourish. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn No. 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

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*POSTLUDE Voluntary in F William Hine

Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall following worship today for the Great Big Church Family Festival kickoff luncheon!

Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal: \$8/ person; \$24 max for a family.

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 10, we welcomed 16 visitors in worship.

Special thanks to Joseph Robinson and Ben Maxwell for sharing their musical gifts with us in worship today.

The *flowers* are given by *Delia Kwon* to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, *Edward Kwon*, commemorating three years since his passing.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Portions of *today's worship texts* were reprinted from *Ministry Matters* (website), *Feasting on the Word*, and *Book of Common Worship* (2018).

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.

Great Big Church Family Festival (Just show up!) Intergenerational Vacation Church School

THEME: "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

Dinner Crafts Singing Intergenerational Service Project
Visit a different church each night, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
TONIGHT at Mt Bethel Presbyterian
MONDAY, JUNE 18 at Duke Memorial United Methodist

TUESDAY, JUNE 19 at Trinity Ave Presbyterian

Summer Sunday School

CHILDREN'S THEME: "Rock around the Liturgical Clock"

Youth and children's Sunday School are observing Advent in June, Christmas in July, and Lent, Easter and Pentecost in August. We're celebrating each season with drama, music, presents, crafts, water play, maps, tie-dye, Easter egg hunts, cooking, and seasonal foods. Join us at 9:45 a.m., second floor of the CE building.

Summer Sunday School for Adults

The *Faith and Community Class* will study the topic: "Faith and Resistance." On Sundays from now until July 1st, the class will discuss *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler, Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity in North America at Duke Divinity School, with expertise in the American Prosperity Gospel. Later in the summer, the class will discuss Jimmy Carter's book, *Faith*, and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove's book, *Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion*. The *Lectionary Class* will meet throughout the summer, studying Mark, 2 Corinthians, and 1 & 2 Samuel. The *Spiritual Formation Class* for women also meets year round.

Myrtle Fest

On **Sunday**, **July 15**, the 11:00 a.m. worship will feature favorite hymns with music by *High Clouds*. The congregation is being invited to submit favorite hymns for that service using the enclosed card. Following worship, everyone is invited to stay for a picnic (potluck) and enjoy more homegrown music from *High Clouds* in the courtyard under our lovely crepe myrtles!



Phyllis Verhey, on the death of her brother, Steven DeKruyter, on June 10th in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Added this week: Dan Banner, hospitalized in Ohio

Ron Smith, husband of FPC Day School director Katharine Smith, recent hospital stay

Our prayers go with *Rev. Cherrie Henry* as she travels to St. Louis, MO this week to serve as a minister-commissioner from New Hope Presbytery to the 223rd meeting of the General Assembly of the PC(USA), which is held every two years.

Carsey Family
Grable Family
Graham/Seawell/Boyle Family
Keever Family
Lorimer Family

Russell Roberson
Susan Seahorn
Margaret Sims
Skinner Family

Ndambiri Family

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: Julian Boswell

Croasdaile Pavilion: Bette Conroy (room 133), John Kerr, Ann Prospero, Bob Rankin

Carolyn Wolfe

Florence Shackelford (room 245)

Dubose Center, Chapel Hill: Mary Clark

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison* The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant, Peaches McPherson*

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Tom Birchfield, step-father of Wil James

Maria Holland, daughter of Katy and Bruce Loebrich

Marsha Hussung, sister of Brent Curtis *May Juhnke*, mother of Tom Juhnke

David Kilpatrick, grandson of Elizabeth High (Air Force, stationed in England)

Patricia Kost, grandmother of Jack Kost

Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece

Evelyn McDaniel, mother of Mary Kay Robinson

Dell McMillian, brother-in-law of Valerie McMillian

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Rosemary Orphys, aunt of Kerry Holbrook

Vickie Tobey, niece of Mickey Velkey and cousin of Beth Brockman

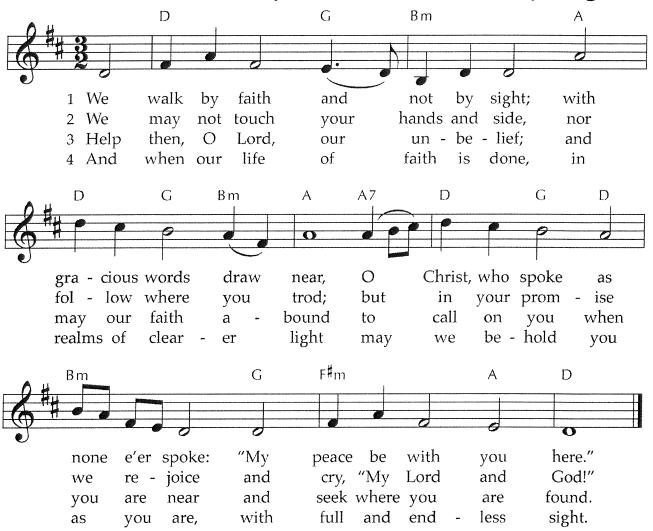
Wally Watson, grandfather of Megan Champion



548 May God Support You All Your Days



817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



The Week at a Glance!			
Later Today	Monday, June 18	Tuesday, June 19	Wednesday, June 20
After Worship Great Big Church Family Festival Kickoff Lunch Meeting of Youth Parents (Wilson Parlor) 5:30 – 7:30 PM Great Big Church Family Festival at Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church	9:30 – 11:00 AM FPC preparing lunch bags at Urban Ministries 5:30 – 7:30 PM Great Big Church Family Festival at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church	1:30 PM Worship Planning 2:30 PM Program Staff 5:30 – 7:30 PM Great Big Church Family Festival at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church	No Chancel Choir
		No Vox Chorus	
Thursday, June 21	Friday, June 22 7:00 – 9:00 AM FPC serving breakfast at Urban Ministries	Saturday, June 23 6:00 PM Primetimers Covered Dish Supper at Marcia Lorimer's home 223 rd General Assembly ends in St. Louis	Sunday, June 24 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:45 AM Summer Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship The Hunger for Change Offering will be received. (Commission the Kinston Mission Trip Team)

~ Serving Today ~

Liturgists: Torrell and Vanessa Armstrong

Narthex Greeter: Alice Raney

After Worship Greeters: *Gray Wilson* (side/font); *Libby Gulley* (rear/narthex) Ushers: *Emily Wilkins* (head), *Katy Barron* (flowers), *Paul Cornsweet*, (counting),

Debbie Hamlin-Aggrey, El Hess, John Mozart

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