



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

Trinity Sunday

June 12th, 2022 10:00 a.m.

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### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 8

1 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

**4 what are humans that you are mindful of them, Mortals that you care for them?**

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

**6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

9 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

#### OPENING PRAYER

Holy, holy, holy Lord---we praise the majesty and mystery of your threefold name. Show your glorious presence, speak your word of life, and guide us into your truth, so that all the world will know that we are your people and you are our God. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

HYMN GTG #1 (Blue #138)

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Jesus pours love into our hearts and gives us the eternal presence of the Holy Spirit. All creation is infused with His energy, wisdom and purpose. Let us gather our hearts and minds together and confess our sins to the source of our lives.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

**God of the prophets, we confess that we have failed to heed your word. You call out to us; you reach out to us, yet we remain unresponsive and aloof. You give us dominion over your works, yet we waste and abuse your creation. Forgive us, God of grace. Open our eyes to see your handiwork. Open our ears to receive your truth. Open our hearts and hands to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON:**

Hear the good news for us. God pours the Spirit upon us in these moments - the Spirit which comforts us, which encourages us, which transforms us through God's grace. Thanks be to God!

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy Spirit, as we read the word today, help us to know and live your truth so that good will and good news is the foundation of your church and that hope and peace might flourish in our lives. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** 1 Kings 8:22-24; 28-30; 41-43

**22** Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands to heaven. **23** He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love with your servants who walk before you with all their heart, **24** the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.

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**28** Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today, **29** that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. **30** Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive.

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**41** “Likewise when foreigners, who are not of your people Israel, come from a distant land because of your name **42** —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when foreigners come and pray toward this house, **43** then hear in heaven your dwelling place and do whatever the foreigners ask of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

**ANTHEM**      “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”      FFPC & TCPC joint choirs (video)

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Act 1:1-8

**1** In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach **2** until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. **4** While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

### **The Ascension of Jesus**

**6** So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” **7** He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**SERMON**      “Can I get a Witness?”      Pastor Isaac Chung

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### **A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION**

Does being a witness add or relieve pressure on you?  
 What is a "witness" story of what Jesus has done in your life?  
 Where or to whom is God calling you to be a "witness"?

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

**OFFERING**

*(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)*

*(Financial Offerings can be placed in dropbox located in the New Narthex)*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We offer our gifts to you Lord out of the bounty that you give to us. May our faithfulness in little things reflect your faithfulness in everything. May our generosity with a little reflect your abundant generosity in all things. Use us and our gifts to nurture your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**        “Be Thou My Vision” FFPC & TCPC joint choirs (video)

**DOXOLOGY**

***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. Amen.***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****LORD’S PRAYER**

*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 (Hymns of Grace #348)**    Facing a Task Unfinished

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**Brothers and Sisters, you ARE a witness! You have a story of Jesus in your life to share. And we are called to share it, to be a witness of Jesus, wherever you go, next door or to the ends of the earth!**

**So go be a witness, as you have the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship and power of the Holy Spirit with you, as you share it with the world. Hallelujah, Amen!**

Peace be with you!  
...and also with you!

**Flowers on the Communion Table** in celebration of Karen Terrill’s birthday given by Pam Coffin