



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.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022 10:00 AM

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE In the Father's Hand Chancel Choir (video)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord our God is great.

The Lord is worthy of our praise.

Come; let us remember the great things God has done for us.

Let us not neglect to teach our children the greatness of God.

Let us not forget our past and those who have gone before us.

We remember our ancestors, our history, and we name our future.

Let us lift up our voices in song, lift our arms in praise,
and open our hearts in gratitude.

Let us greet God with our hymn of praise.

HYMN "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

OPENING PRAYER

Amazing God, you call us today, just as you called the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. You challenge and support us, revealing the brokenness of our communities; giving us the peace that our world needs. You point us to the pain of the cross, and then remind us of the joy of the resurrection. Transform us, O God, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us breathe deeply of the Breath of Life. Blow through our worship and change our lives forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (Psalm 43:3)

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

In this worship time, we pray for more than conviction. We pray, O Lord, for change. Change the easy peace we make with ourselves into discontent because of the oppression of others. Change our tendency to defend ourselves into the freedom that comes from being forgiven and empowered through your love. Change our need for disguises, excuses, and images into the ability to be honest with ourselves and open

with one another. Change our inclination to judge others into a desire to serve and uplift others. And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work into a genuine encounter with you and our better selves so that our lives will be changed for the good of all.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Take heart: God's Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life. Our sins are forgiven. Let us forgive one another so that we can live together in joyful community. Lord, open our lips. And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, we come to worship you today with open hearts and open minds. We want to hear and receive what you have to say to us in this service. Speak to us today as you spoke to those who went before us. Tell us the stories of your wonders and greatness. We are ready to hear them. Remind us once again of your grace and love. Help us teach your goodness to our children and the next generation.
Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 65:1-9

The Righteousness of God's Judgment

65 I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their^a iniquities and their^b ancestors' iniquities together,

says the Lord;
 because they offered incense on the mountains
 and reviled me on the hills,
 I will measure into their laps
 full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the Lord:
 As the wine is found in the cluster,
 and they say, “Do not destroy it,
 for there is a blessing in it,”
 so I will do for my servants’ sake,
 and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants^c from Jacob,
 and from Judah inheritors^d of my mountains;
 my chosen shall inherit it,
 and my servants shall settle there.

ANTHEM “Festival Piece on “NICAEA”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:37-47

The First Converts

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers,ⁱ what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Life among the Believers

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^j to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^k and ate their food with glad and generous^l hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SERMON “Now What? (Responding to the Spirit)”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

In most families, each person has a role and responsibility to the family. As the family of God and Body of Christ, we likewise share in this. Each of us has gifts and talents, different ways in which we are called to serve; and that is what makes the body of Christ, the church, as unique as it is. God also calls us to give and reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:6 that *“whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of us should give what we have decided in our hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”* This means just as each of us has different talents, we are all able to give differently. Whatever your gift is, the Lord says give it generously and cheerfully.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

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 FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Iona Book of Worship)

Creator of all, Savior of all, Spirit in all, One God in perfect community, **stay with us now.**

Where there is apathy, **kindle the flame of your love.** Where there is deceit, **confront every lie with your truth.**

Where there is hopelessness, **reveal deep wells of compassion.**

Where there is joy, **let your kindly protection be known.**

Where we hesitate to serve you, **make us restless until we change.**

For yours is the kingdom. the power and the glory forever. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE Glorious is Thy Name

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