



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.

19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 2022 10:00 AM

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Rebekah Ratza

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146:1-6)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

I will sing praises to the Lord while I have being.

Put not your trust in princes.

In a mortal being, in whom there is no help.

Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,

Whose hope is in the Lord our God.

Who made heaven and earth.

Who keeps faith forever. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN PH #299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

CALL TO CONFESSION: —Isaiah 30:15, 18, NIV

In repentance and rest is your salvation,

in quietness and trust is your strength,

but you would have none of it.

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;

he rises to show you compassion.

For the LORD is God of justice.

Blessed are all who wait for him!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Lord, the world is too much with us; and we are often too much with the world. We find it easy to proclaim your Hope as good ideas, and impressive theory;

but we are reluctant to put it into practice.

We need your forgiveness and Grace to overcome our slowness of resolve; and your Spirit to accept with gratitude and obedience the discipleship you have bestowed upon us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins and transgressions. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his love for us. As far as the east is from the west, does he remove our transgressions from us. Let us believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Zechariah 6:1-8

6 And again I looked up and saw four chariots coming out from between two mountains—mountains of bronze. **2** The first chariot had red horses, the second chariot black horses, **3** the third chariot white horses, and the fourth chariot dappled gray horses. **4** Then I said to the angel who spoke with me, “What are these, my lord?” **5** The angel answered me, “These are the four winds of heaven going out, after presenting themselves before the Lord of the whole earth. **6** The chariot with the black horses goes toward the north country, the white ones go toward the west country, and the dappled ones go toward the south country.” **7** When the steeds came out, they were impatient to get off and patrol the earth. And he said, “Go, patrol the earth.” So they patrolled the earth. **8** Then he cried out to me, “See, those who go toward the north country have set my spirit at rest in the north country.”

ANTHEM My Worth is Not in What I Own

Pastor Robbie Carnes

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 6:1-8; 7:1-8

6 Then I saw the Lamb break one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, “Come!” **2** I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering and to conquer.

3 When he broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, “Come!” **4** And out came another horse, bright red; its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another, and he was given a great sword.

5 When he broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, “Come!” I looked, and there was a black horse! Its rider held a pair of scales in his hand, **6** and I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a day’s pay and three quarts of barley for a day’s pay, but do not damage the olive oil and the wine!”

7 When he broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature call out, “Come!” **8** I looked, and there was a pale green horse! Its rider’s name was Death, and Hades followed with him; they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, and pestilence and by the wild animals of the earth.

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 4:35-41

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” **36** And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. **37** A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” **39** And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Be silent! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. **40** He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” **41** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

SERMON

Sealed for Delivery

Rev. James Foster

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Do you find examples of peril in the world around you?

Do you find examples of Hope?

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING—Psalm 96:8-9, NRSV

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. Let us offer our gifts to the Lord!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Let us pray)

O Mighty One, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you— our selves, our time, and our possessions— that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

(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 also be placed in dropbox located in the New Narthex)

OFFERTORY

“Truth Be Told”

Pastor Robbie Carnes

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 PH #93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (verse 1)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION —from Hebrews 13:1-3, 5, NRSV

Let mutual love continue.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison,
as though you were in prison with them.

Be content with what you have.

And remember that God has promised,
“I will never leave you or forsake you.”

POSTLUDE Rebekah Ratza

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