



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.

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2022 10:00 AM

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Reflection on “Erhalt Uns, Herr” (Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word) Rebekah Ratza

WELCOME [Announcements and intro to Deacon Ministry]

Offering options and pink Deacon envelope

Explanation of service
Deacon Sunday and all Saints Day

INTROIT “Be Thou My Vision”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 119

137 You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right.

138 You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

139 My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.

140 Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

141 I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight.

144 Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your people of all the ages live and praise you without ceasing. In our communion with you, we have communion with generations past and generations yet unborn. Before your throne we are one with a great multitude which no one could number, and in praising you we join with people from every nation.

Grant to your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

HYMN PH #8 BH #562 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the praise of your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON:—Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

handheld microphones

Jeanie Cupp

Peggy Fowler

Fran Moore

ANTHEM “I Carry You in My Heart” Chancel Choir

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Linda Banks, Aulene Becker, Helen Bingel, Jessie James, John Maletic,
Millie Roe, John Stork, Florence Tencza, Jerry Neely

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

Death has no dominion over them.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING —Romans 12:1, TM

So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life— your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life— and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us— our selves, our

time, and our possessions—signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us— Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 “Abide in Me” Gary Smith

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

Loving and faithful God, we bless you for calling us to be a holy people, living for you in service to each other for the sake of your world. We pray that our congregation will experience a rich and free sharing of the gifts you have generously given us. Knowing that we are called to be saints, we humbly ask that you will work powerfully through us to accomplish your purposes in the world. We pray for the courage, the patience, and the generosity of spirit that comes from imitating the love you have shown us in Christ. We long for your Spirit’s power to make us more Christlike in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Help us to think of others and their needs even now as we pray for

creation, in its groaning . . .

the world, in its suffering . . .

our nation and city, in their need of healing . . .

We pray in the name of Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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 #69 BH #525 “Here I Am, Lord”

CHARGE AND BLESSING —Ephesians 4:1-6, NRSV

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Sin Nome” (For All the Saints)

Rebekah Ratza

Peace be with you!

...and also with you!