



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.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2022 10:00 AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE “The Meditations of My Heart (*based on Psalm 19*)” Rebekah Ratza

WELCOME Veterans Day announcement/ Deacon Video Announcement

CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 65

God is about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

**We will be glad and rejoice forever in what God is creating,
for God is about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.**

Before we call God will answer, while we are yet speaking God will hear.

**The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!**

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

We greet you with thanksgiving, Dear Lord, on this first day of the week. We come to offer our praise and re-immense ourselves in your resurrection life. Will you reconfirm your covenant with us today and transform our minds and hearts so that we would do your will? Amen.

HYMN PH #643, BH#555 “Now Thank We All Our God”

CALL TO CONFESSION:

God does not take our sins and stick them up on a shelf, in order to remember them - God forgets them! God does not hold them against us, but forgives us! Join me as we pray to the One who delights in us, as we say,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

We confess that our lives weaken us, Almighty God. We do not exercise our faith as we should, and so, fatigue easily. We see houses as investment property, not as homes built on love, hope, and dreams. We whimper our petty complaints about our friends and families, rather than shouting our hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives.

You are our hope, Tender God, so forgive us. Create in us new hearts, and fill us with new energy to serve our sisters and brothers, bringing them to the deep wells of salvation, where they can fill their parched souls, even as we have been led to them by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

Rather than remaining white hot, God's anger melts into streams of living water, washing us clean of

our sins and refreshing our spirits with hope and joy.

This day we give thanks to the God who is our strength and our salvation. Praise God! Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God in Heaven, we read in scripture to not be afraid even if we hear of wars and insurrections. We read of your everlasting love and power to accomplish your will in our lives and throughout the world. May we hear your word once again and may it fill us us and transform us so that we might boldly do your will. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Daniel 2:28-30

28 but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has disclosed to King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen at the end of days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed were these: 29 To you, O king, as you lay in bed, came thoughts of what would be hereafter, and the revealer of mysteries disclosed to you what is to be. 30 But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me because of any wisdom that I have more than any other living being, but in order that the interpretation may be known to the king and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind.

ANTHEM “Give Thanks”

Handbell Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 1:1-6

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place, and he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON Hiking with the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit

Elder Peg Fowler

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Have you ever hesitated to read the Bible, God’s Word?

Have you considered joining a study group to help you in your ‘hike’?

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

Let us give according to God's blessing and calling on our lives. So that we might give in joy and reap the benefits of holy generosity. Let us pray...

(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)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Remind us, Holy God, that people draw hope, healing, feeding, reconciliation from the wells of our generosity. So, encourage us to draw from the abundance which is ours to bless those around us, even if we do not know them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Thanksgiving Medley”

Cheryl Kopplin

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.

CLOSING MUSIC

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Sunday School Ringers

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

But with joy draw water from the wells of salvation.

“Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;

make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

May God be your salvation, may you walk in trust that The Lord is your strength and may your fear be conquered by God's almighty hand.

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

Flowers on the Communion Table are in honor of those who served our nation; those that have made sacrifices and endured hardships, of those that have fallen or retired, as well as for those who are still fighting for our country today. We thank you!