



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 11th, 2023 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 122

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

**2 My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

4 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God,
This is the day that You have made!
This is the day you have called Holy:
Sabbath day, a rest day, a time-out,
out of the world and into the presence of God: a day for rejoicing.

Make us glad this morning in the House of the Lord.
Remove from us our distractions, our heart-worries,
our to-dos and should-haves and all the constant stress & strain.
And in its place, O God, give us more of You.
Here in your House, our hearts are filled with peace
our mouths with laughter,
our tongues with shouts of joy.
Fill us to brimming and overflowing with the joy of the Lord:

A good measure of God, pressed down,
shaken together and running over.
We are glad, yes, we are glad indeed,
to be together in the House of the Lord!

HYMN PH #402 BH #207 “How Lovely Lord”

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Ps. 139:23-24)

Search us, O God, and know our hearts.
Test us and know our anxious thoughts.
Point out anything in us that offends You,
and guide us on the road to life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

O Lord, You have examined our hearts and know everything about us. You know when we sit down or stand up. You know our thoughts from afar. You see when we walk or lie down, You know every detail of our conduct. You even know what we are going to say before we say it. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, too great for us to understand.

Cleanse us from hidden faults. Keep us from deliberate sins. Don't let them control us. Then we will be free of guilt, and innocent of serious wrong-doing.

DECLARATION OF PARDON:

Listen to the promise of God: *Those who love Me, I will deliver. I will protect those who know My name. When they call to Me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them, and show them my saving power.*

**Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love! We rejoice, because You have rescued us!
Sing praise to God, because He has been so good to us!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home, Holy Christ,
And let us receive you with lavish welcome.
You are the Restorer of our fortunes,
The Promise of new life –
We pour out our praise to you.
Fill this room with your Spirit:
The sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume
And fill our hearts with your compassion,
Not just in this time and place,
But in all times and in all places,
So that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us,
We may also embody the love you give to all. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-4

- 1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
- 2 In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains
 and shall be raised above the hills;
 all the nations shall stream to it.

3 Many peoples shall come and say,
 “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob,
 that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 He shall judge between the nations
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
 they shall beat their swords into plowshares
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
 neither shall they learn war any more.

ANTHEM “Rock-A My Soul”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 19:41-48

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

41 As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, **42** saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. **43** Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. **44** They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

45 Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there, **46** and he said, “It is written,

‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’
 but you have made it a den of robbers.”

47 Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him, **48** but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

SERMON

Jesus Weeps Over the City of Jerusalem

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Mission Challenge: Just as Jesus prayed for Jerusalem, This week take a walk in your neighborhood, workplace, school, or local town/city center.

As you walk, ask God to help you see this place and its people with new eyes (as God sees them). See what you notice.

Also, ask God to help you imagine what it will look like for God's kingdom to come here. Pray that this would be so.

HYMN PH #661

“Why Should I Feel Discouraged?”

BAPTISM

PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

...Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**The People respond: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to
share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE PH #486 BH #498 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” (v.1&4)

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

Through this invitation to share our gifts, we acknowledge that God has blessed us abundantly, and that we are to be a blessing to the world. In the very act of giving, in every act of bestowing blessings on another, we find that we are blessed yet again. I encourage you now to enter fully into this amazing cycle of blessing.

Let us pray:

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves. In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in your world. 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)

Will the Ushers please come forward.

OFFERTORY Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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

Circle us, Lord

Circle us with the light of your presence within this dark world

Enable us to be overcomers of fear and temptation

Enable us to be victors over sin and despair

Enable us to become that which you would desire

(Silent prayer)

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation

Circle us with the light of your presence

Circle us, Lord

Circle our family within the shelter of your outstretched arms

Protect them in each moment of their daily lives

Protect them in the decisions that they face

Protect their homes and relationships

(Silent prayer)

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation

Circle our families with the light of your presence

Circle us, Lord

Circle this world with the joy of your Salvation

Where there is sickness and disease bring healing

Where there is hunger and despair bring hope

Where there is torture and oppression bring release

(Silent prayer)

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation

Circle this world with the light of your presence

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Everybody Get Walking” (Video)

CHARGE

As you leave this place, lift up your eyes to the Lord! The One who sent Jesus Christ, as salvation for all the world, will never desert you. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on, and forevermore. Go now in peace, with God's blessing.

BENEDICTION “Gospel Feet”

POSTLUDE

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