



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, Communion
June 2nd, 2024 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF MUSICIANS

INTROIT Confitemini Domino

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be still and know that God is.

God was also in the beginning.

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

From everlasting to everlasting, God is God, and alone is worthy to be worshiped.

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind, but in faith we do see Jesus. We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died. We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him. For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy: Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! Amen.

HYMN PH #611 BH #464 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; **3** the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the

temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” **5** and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. **6** The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. **8** The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. **9** Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

ANTHEM “I Lift Up Mine Eyes”

Allen Pote

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 10:38–42

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. **39** She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. **40** But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” **41** But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, **42** but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

SERMON Time to Neighbor

Pastor Lindsey Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Are you too hurried to love?

Do you have the space in your life to be a good neighbor?

How does dwelling in God’s presence allow us to serve one another well?

OFFERING —based on 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8, NRSV

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Responding to God’s bountiful gifts to us in Christ, we have the opportunity to share out of our abundance. Let us pray...

Dear God, receive our offering. Guide those who use it, that it may help to bring fullness of life to those who live in need and long for our care. Amen.

(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)

Will the Ushers please come forward.

OFFERTORY

Morning Song

Bell Choir

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.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION:

We have already spoken of the wonder of Christ working in and through us and the assurance that we are God's forgiven children, redeemed and free. In the comfort of that assurance let us come before God in prayer, confessing our sins so that in acknowledging our unworthiness we may understand more fully the grace that God has given.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Gracious Father, the God of life, teach us ever more to respect and love all the lives you create. Forgive us our lack of love and concern for those who don't fit our definition of healthy or whole, who are young, who are rambunctious in solemn moments and take silly things much too seriously. Teach us to open our hearts and our homes to all your children. Forgive us when we are negligent and uncaring toward those who are elderly, some forgotten in nursing homes, others treated as if they have no gifts to share and no place to serve, their past contributions to church and society forgotten. Forgive us for not stopping to listen and learn, for not caring for those who cannot afford medical care, for those who suffer from a careless society.

Forgive us for not caring for those who are ill, those who live with debilitating diseases and mental illnesses. Forgive us for not being patient with the cycle of good days and bad days, for forgetting those little acts of hospitality and adjustments that would allow for their presence and participation, for not wanting to give the energy and effort needed to be fully present and listen so that we may receive the gifts they have to give. Forgive us for being

too busy and full of self-importance to be the neighbors you have called us to be. Teach us to open our hearts, to open our homes and churches, to visit the lonely, to bring your love into their lives on this earth.

Through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON: —based on 2 Corinthians 4:6, NIV

May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God’s glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION

Leader 1: We love because God first loved us. God sent his Son into the world as an atoning sacrifice for us so that we might live through him. By coming to this table and eating this meal, “we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors” through union with Christ (Belgic Confession, Article 35). With eager expectation of that unity and love, let us come now to the table.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader 2: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us— even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

The Institution

Leader 1: We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me.”

For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes

(1 Corinthians 11:23–26).

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader 2: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. Amen

SHARING THE FEAST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Leader 2: Congregation in Christ, since the Lord has fed us at his table, let us praise his holy name with thanksgiving.

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
 —Psalm 103:1–5

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

TABLETALK WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

HYMN #450 Be Thou My Vision

CHARGE

As you leave here today,
 May you go with the presence of Christ as your guide,
 eager to be Christ's presence in the lives of others.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

May you leave here desiring to guard
 your tongue and mind,
 to put aside actions and speech that harm others.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word.

May you leave here desiring the flourishing of all people,
 to serve without being hungry for praise,
 to give up your own position and greed
 so that others may experience the bounty of this world.

Be my inheritance now and always.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all
as together we build God's beautiful community.

**Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.**

BENEDICTION The Lord Bless You and Keep You

POSTLUDE

**May the Peace of Christ be with you...
...And also with you!**