



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.

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 9th, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT PH #413 “Come into God’s Presence”

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to worship, and we come.

Some of us come with laughter and songs of joy.

Some of us come from a sense of obligation or habit.

Some of us come with hearts heavy with grief.

Some come with distraction or exhaustion,
others with eagerness and enthusiasm.

Some of us come with stress, loneliness, or depression.

God calls all of us to come and worship,

to give ourselves—all our joy and pain, hurt and hope.

God calls all of us to come and worship,

To receive God’s love, grace, joy, and peace.

And it is the God who invites us to come
who speaks to us first

**and tells us there is a place for us here
with whatever we bring into this space.**

OPENING PRAYER

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God! Let us pray...

We open our eyes to see your glory, Lord. We open our ears to hear your wisdom. We open our hands to offer you gifts. We open our mouths to sing your praise. We open our hearts to offer you our love. You are Lord! Alleluia and Amen.

HYMN PH #409 BH #461

“God is Here!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison) —Psalm 51:1-6, 10-12, 15-17, NJB

Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offenses; wash me thoroughly from my guilt, purify me from my sin. For I am well aware of my offenses, my sin is constantly in mind. Against you, you alone, I have sinned, I have done what you see to be wrong, that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence, and your victory may appear when you give judgment, remember, I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception. But you delight in sincerity of heart, and in secret you teach me wisdom.

God, create in me a clean heart, renew within me a resolute spirit, do not thrust me away from your presence, do not take away from me your spirit of holiness. Give me back the joy of your salvation, sustain in me a generous spirit. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out your praise. Sacrifice gives you no pleasure, burnt offering you do not desire. Sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart you never scorn.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Like dry bones in a parched valley we are powerless until the Word of the Lord comes to sew us up with sinew and muscles, skins and breath. God made you, God was there from the start. God says, “Don’t be afraid, I’ve redeemed you. I’ve called you by name and you are mine.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, you have given us your Word for a light to shine upon our path. Grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jonah 3:10-4:11

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. **2** He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. **3** And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” **4** And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” **5** Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

6 The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. **7** But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. **8** When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might

die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." **10** Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. **11** And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 5:27–32

27 After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." **28** And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

29 Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others reclining at the table with them. **30** The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" **31** Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; **32** I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

SERMON

Fearing Your Neighbor Pastor Robbie Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

What or who are we afraid of?

How does Jesus model a way of neighboring that leads to building bridges, not fences?

HYMN PH #753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

No one gives oneself freely and willingly to God's service unless, having tasted the Father's love, that one is drawn in love and worships God in return. Let our gifts and our pledges be acts of grateful worship to our good God. Let us pray...

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given, and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 be placed in dropbox located in the New Narthex)

Will the Ushers Please come forward.

OFFERTORY

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.

TABLETALK WITH GOD'S CHILDREN**HYMN PH #754 BH #358**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

CHARGE —adapted 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.”

BENEDICTION The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you

The Lord turn His face toward you

And give you peace

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Amen, amen, amen

Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you

And a thousand generations

And your family and your children

And their children, and their children

May His presence go before you

And behind you, and beside you

All around you, and within you

He is with you, he is with you

In the morning, in the evening

In your coming, and your going

In your weeping, and rejoicing

He is for you, he is for you

Amen, amen, amen

Amen, amen, amen
The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

POSTLUDE

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