



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.

6th Sunday after Pentecost
June 30th, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT PH #394 “Christ has Made the Sure Foundation” (verse 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP - Revelation 15:3–4

Great and marvelous are your deeds,

Lord God Almighty.

Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord,

and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you.

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 #616 “Our God is an Awesome God”

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Our God is an awesome God, great in power and great in mercy. So we turn to our God in our time of need, as we bring before him our sins and our sorrows, knowing he stands ready to offer forgiveness and help. We lift our eyes to him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**—based on Psalm 119:105, NRSV

Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 138

- 1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- 2 I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
- 3 On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
- 8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM PH #791 “For You, My God, I Wait”

(the congregation is invited to sing on verse 2 and continuing)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 7:36–50

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee’s house he reclined to dine. **37** And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. **38** She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. **39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.” **40** Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.” **41** “A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” **43** Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the

greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” **44** Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. **45** You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. **46** You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. **47** Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” **48** Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” **49** But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” **50** But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

SERMON

“Our Need for Help”

Pastor Robbie Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

How does being a good neighbor lead us to receiving from our neighbors?

Would we rather be independent than vulnerable?

How does drawing close to one another help us draw close to God, and vice versa?

HYMN PH #684

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

The willingness to give is a sign of life. The fruit tree gives of its fruit, and we know it is alive. When it no longer gives, we know real life has gone out of it. The heart that hoards the blessings of God is no longer alive with spiritual power. To give is to live. Let us Pray...

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)

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 #735 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

CHARGE

As you leave this place, may God guide your feet.
 As you step into an unknown future,
 may you have confidence in the faithfulness of God.
 As you live out your calling to be
 Christ's hands and feet,
 may you see opportunities to serve
 and to love your neighbor,
 grounding both your work and your rest in Christ.
 Amen.

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
 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!