



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.

8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 14th, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 85:8-13

8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

12 The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.**

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN PH #761 BH #343 “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”

CALL TO CONFESSION:

God of mercy, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of Christ. Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

DECLARATION OF PARDON—based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Thanks be to God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 32:16-20

- 16** Then justice will dwell in the wilderness
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.
- 17** The effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.
- 18** My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.
- 19** The forest will disappear completely,
and the city will be utterly laid low.
- 20** Happy will you be who sow beside every stream,
who let the ox and the donkey range freely.

ANTHEM

King of Glory

Nancy Casteel, Soprano

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 1:3-7

3 I thank my God for every remembrance of you, **4** always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy **5** for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. **7** It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

SERMON

Assurance of Faith

Pastor Lindsey Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

How do you manage doubts in your faith?

How has the Holy Spirit reassured you recently?

HYMN PH #839 BH #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom. Guide us by your truth, and order us in all our ways, that we may always do what is right in your eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Give us wisdom to give well and courage to give generously. 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

"How Great How Art"

Bob Chappelle, Trumpet

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 #307 BH #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CHARGE Matt. 22:37–40

Go out into the world in peace. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.

BENEDICTION PH #540 BH #537 "Farewell, Good Friends!/ Shalom, Chaerim!
(sing twice)"

POSTLUDE

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