



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.

12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 11th, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Farther Along ~ Josh Garrels video

WELCOME

INTROIT PH #664 BH #469 “Morning Has Broken” (1st and 3rd verses)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

3 O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

**4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

5 Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**6 This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD
and was saved from every trouble.**

7 The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.

**8 O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

OPENING PRAYER

Great and loving God, we come before you emptied of all that would distract, seeking all that would redeem. Let these moments not become so routine as to be predictable, nor so familiar as to be conventional. Prepare us for the unexpected. Open us to the movement of the Holy Spirit in praise of our Savior. Amen.

HYMN PH #15 BH #455 “All Creatures of Our God and King” (4 verses)

CALL TO CONFESSION - from Psalm 32:1-6, NRSV

The psalmist testifies: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to

you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)—based on Daniel 9:4-19

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON - Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Kings 19:4-8

4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” **5** Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” **6** He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. **7** The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” **8** He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 1:13-14

13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, **14** and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

SERMON

Suffering

Pastor Lindsey Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

When has the Holy Spirit led you through a season of suffering?
Have you been shown purpose in the pain?

HYMN PH #69 BH #525 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am Lord)

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

As we offer our gifts and tithes today let us pray...

Accept our gifts, God of grace, and help us to participate in your use of them, working according to your purpose, in peace, justice, and mercy, in all we do; through Jesus Christ the 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 #754 BH #358 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

CHARGE 1 John 3:23

Go forth in the name of the Lord. This is God's charge: to give our allegiance to Jesus Christ and to love one another as he commanded.

BENEDICTION PH #1 BH #138 "Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty!" (4th verse only)

POSTLUDE

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