



## 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, Communion

August 3rd, 2025 10:00 a.m.

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble**

3 and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

**4 Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to an inhabited town;**

5 hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.

**6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress;**

7 he led them by a straight way,  
until they reached an inhabited town.

**8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

9 For he satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

#### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN #643 Now Thank We All Our God**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Our Father in heaven, compel us all to simply take you at your Word. Touch us with the Holy Spirit, we pray, and do not let us get away from your Word without being caught by its promises and powerful joy. We pray this for our sake, Father, and for those whom we love, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joel 2:28-29

**28** Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

**29** Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days I will pour out my spirit.

**ANTHEM** House of God Forever Jon Foreman Guitar~ Robbie Carnes

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Galatians 4:6-7

**6** And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" **7** So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

### GOSPEL LESSON: John 16:7-15

**7** Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. **8** And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: **9** about sin, because they do not believe in me; **10** about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; **11** about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. **12** "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. **14** He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. **15** All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**SERMON** God With Us NOW! Pastor Robbie Carnes

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### CONFESSING OUR FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### OFFERING

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

Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven and our giving pleases God. 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.

*Will the Ushers please come forward.*

## 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

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to some of his disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of our 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: —based on Romans 8:39

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

We are part of a world full of words.

**So much talk, so little said.**

We a people, our hearts wilt under the onslaught of these words, and we grow tired.

**So much talk, so little done.**

It feels that our actions are meaningless, that our efforts have no effect in this sea of language.

**Free us, God, for a struggle that rises above these words.**

Forgive us for straying and stumbling, for our weariness and our fear of hoping.

**Open our hearts, Holy One, so that we can embrace the Word with God which is the word made flesh, the word living in power and love in our lives.**

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

### ACCLAMATION OF PARDON

Because He Lives God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living, Just because He lives!**

And then one day, I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; And then, as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living, Just because He lives!**

## COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING THE FEAST

### COMMUNION PRAYER:

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son.

**How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God?**

**Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

### TABLETALK WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

**HYMN #65** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**CHARGE** —based on 1 John 3:23, NRSV

Go forth in the name of the Lord. This is God's charge: We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.

**BENEDICTION** Instrument of Peace

**Lord, make me an instrument of peace,  
an instrument of peace.**

**Lord, make me an instrument of peace,  
an instrument of peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love.**

**Where there is darkness, let me sow light.**

**For in the giving, we shall receive,  
and in the dying, we're given life.**

**Lord, make me an instrument of peace,  
an instrument of peace.**

**Lord, make me an instrument of peace,  
an instrument of peace.**

**Where there is sorrow, let me sow hope.  
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith.  
Where there is inju-ry, your pardon give,  
Your conso-la-tion to those in pain.  
Lord, make me an instrument of peace,  
an instrument of peace.  
Lord, make me an instrument of peace,  
an instrument of peace.  
A - men, a - men.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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